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All the tenants fled in wild disorder for safety. Several dashed back to secure valuables, but the police forced them outside.

Hundreds of men, women, and children rushed out screaming and many making vain efforts to save their most valuable possessions.

The promptitude of the police averted a panic, the constables passing orily ordering everybody to the adjoining streets and to leave possessions.

Fortunately the flames never got hold on the other parts of the

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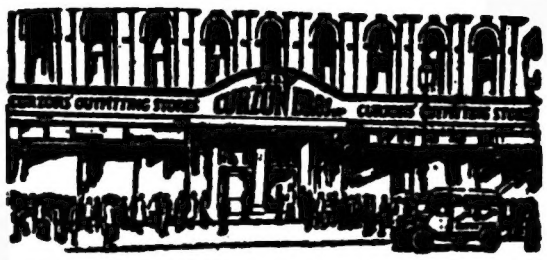

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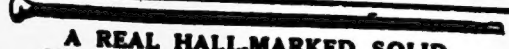

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The WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

ldwin Acts.

he Government fails to bring miners and rs together through the good offices of Mr. geman we can predict that it will appoint a ittee of Enquiry, similar to that presided Lord Buckmaster last year. Its findings the basis of legislative action.

Spirit Wanted.

ament is a legislative body not a battle- for honours. Each seat is watched by tituency believing its representative can ute to the common good. When M.P.s ber that, something will be done.

Real Peace.

uided fools who urge wage reduction as all and end-all of the mines dispute forget ood costs. Bring down prices, eliminate rs, and lots of trouble would end. Once ve give the Government the hint.

onal Job.

he changed conditions of world demand, ture of coal depends on a complete re- ation in conjunction with vast schemes ovision of cheap power. This is too big to be achieved without leadership from nment and Parliament.

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ommission, comprising representatives of all without consideration of Party politics, is ed to discover a remedy for unemployment. real power to put its conclusions into ion, it's a good idea.

g the Mud.

en Mr. Lloyd George talks of a "Government h" he descends from politics to poltroonery. er in power, or opposition, statesmen are effective when they maintain dignity.

's a Better Way.

the present time expenditure on "doles" ,000,000. The fund is incurring debt at the of £8,000,000 a year, and national apathy ing down the system into a permanency.

Remedy.

igned as a temporary expedient to tide over war depression, it has reached the demoral- sfage; but men cannot be left to starve. lternative is expansion of Empire trade, some new schemes of Empire settlement.

inly Not.

ware the Franco-Spanish attempt to drag in into the hornets' nest of Morocco. Tangier neutral is safe enough from the Riffs. To a British battalion there would be fatal.

er Roses nor Laurels.

er all, if we refuse to touch Morocco with the of our fingers, we only follow the example of rack French generals. One and all refused ommand there. There's no glory in it.

Behind the Times.

Isn't there work for our industries? In use of the telephone Britain is almost the lowest among civilised countries. To put us on a level with Denmark would cost £150,000,000. And the investment would pay.

More Power.

Electricity is dear in this country because of the large number of small generating stations. The average price in a recent year was 2d. a unit, whereas big power stations in Lancashire and Yorkshire supplied at 1d. and on the Tyne at ¾d. Here is big scope for immediate work for our factories and future development of our industries.

Summer Sunshine.

Country places receive three times more benefit from sun than cities. The difference is due to smoke nuisance. The substitution of electricity for coal would do more than set industry on its feet. It might turn a C3 population into A1.

The Indian Puzzle.

When Lord Birkenhead invites Indian leaders and critics to "produce a constitution which carries a fair measure of general agreement among the peoples of India," he sets them a poser. Meanwhile, we are going to stay in India and keep the peace.

Trade Flourishing.

Judicious advertising having convinced Americans of the advantages of Scotch tweed, factories in the Lowlands are working to capacity. In 1919 exports to U.S.A. were valued at £5,700. In 1923 (latest available) they had jumped to £675,000. Facts and figures speak.

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The Directors, Odhams Press Ltd., Long Acre, W.C.2.

Dear Sirs.—We have examined the Company's accounts and records relating to the undermentioned issues of John Bull, and certify that the net sales (exclusive of all free copies), after deducting returns received during the week of each issue, were as set out below:

April 4	945,404	May 16	941,186
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„ 18	952,577	„ 30	942,649
„ 25	950,273	June 6	935,230
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Yours faithfully,
(Signed) FRANKLIN WILD & CO.
Chartered Accountants.

Orient House, New Broad St., E.C.2.
3rd July, 1925.

Grow More Food.

Corn crops are heavy, and the hay harvest is one of the best on record. Even in this country agriculture provides one of the best outlets for industrial energy. All that's needed is enterprise with common-sense to set it going.

Humanity Pays.

The success of placing young offenders on probation is proved up to the hilt. Twenty prisons, all over the country, have been closed. It's the passing of vindictiveness, and the coming of a new and brighter era. And the best is, it pays.

Hope for Poor.

Canada's wheat yield is estimated as 10,000,000 bushels above the average for the past five years. Given wise statesmanship bread should be cheap, the one thing that mitigates winter's hardships for thousands.

A Good Lead.

Plymouth sets the pace in slum demolition. Five streets of picturesque old houses will be cleared. It's cheaper to pay the builder than the doctor. The sea-town gives a hint that others might take.

Splendid!

Penrith, with a population of only 9,000, has built 110 council houses, and has no rent arrears. That's local government. We know some larger towns that would do well to send their councillors to Penrith for education.

An Example.

In Kent a girl was given a job of strawberry-picking. To please the employer she spread eleven hours' work over four days, walked half a mile each way, and an extra journey for the money, which was 3s. 11d. In such a case the dole is preferable.

An Infantile Politician.

The Duke of Sutherland thinks wages ought to be reduced, but expresses a pious hope that there will be no resulting fall in the standard of living. A political kindergarten school would be a useful adjunct to the House of Lords.

Rowdy Loyalists.

A section of the British Fascisti is making itself a public nuisance. To put on a black shirt and behave like a cad is the poorest conceivable way of upholding the British Constitution.

Education Needed.

The gallant attempt of the Midland Reafforesting Association to make the Black Country less hideous has been frustrated by the people themselves ruining the fresh trees. Hope lies in the new generation. In the schools teach children the value of beauty. They'll grow up to reject ugliness in the world.

Woolworth's Wedding.

To make the Woolworth wedding at St. Margaret's, Westminster, "more impressive," a complete rehearsal was carried out. Young Woolworth would impress his sweated British toilers more if he paid them enough to keep body and soul together. As it is, the main impression he made on the public was a parade of the swag.

Wake Up, Wakefield!

At the Wakefield Labour Exchange several of the unemployed who have to sign on are wounded ex-Service men who have lost a leg. They complain that they have to stand waiting for hours in the queue outside and then they have to climb up two flights of stairs. Surely some better arrangement could be made for these poor fellows! The offices on the ground floor, it is stated, are occupied by able-bodied clerks.

Base Ingratitude.

There can be few more ungrateful whiners than Charles Seymour, a Kentish Town man, now doing four months' despicably earned hard labour. Mrs. Pole Carew, of Hampstead, was told that he was struggling to keep his family, so she gave him a job. He stole money and a watch, but she forgave him. Then he lifted her £60 ring, and she lost her patience. What a wretched apology of a man!

Not a One-man Job.

A poor sort of sheep-farmer is the squire of Garthewin, Robert William Wynn, and he should give up the business without delay to save poor sheep from suffering. Seventy of his stock were recently found to be dying on their legs. The cruelty of what they had to endure because there was only one man to attend nearly a thousand sheep makes it clear that Wynn escaped leniently when he was fined £25.

Mr. Markham's Mark.

"The thing I most desire is to be able to deal with my own men myself," says Mr. Charles P. Markham, the coalowner who has broken with the Mining Association and does not like trade union leaders. Employers who deal straight with their own men will not find much to grumble about, but trade unions have been made necessary by the multitude of employers whose methods were as twisted as a corkscrew.

Practical Christianity.

Congratulations to the Salvation Army on its "diamond jubilee." In spite of noisy eccentricities, the Army has been marvellously successful in rescuing the down-and-outs. For our part we care less for the religious niceties which divide the denominations than for the spirit of Christian charity which should unite them. When all is said, the Booths, father and son, have been among the most remarkable men of the age.

The Woman with a Heart.

If honour is due to those whose care extends to the dumb and helpless then super-honour is won by Miss Hayes, a schoolmistress of Edmonton. She takes into her care old horses declared unfit for work and saves them from a terrible fate. Sir William Rice, who had before him a horse which had been starved and illtreated by its owner, declared that under Miss Hayes' care the beast became like a champion polo pony. He said the court was proud of her achievement. So are we.

Hitting the Right Nail.

Finding difficulty in staffing its kitchens with skilled labour, the Metropolitan Asylums Board is raising wages all round, granting four weeks' annual leave, and, most significant of all, changing the names of its servants. Cooks become "kitchen superintendents" and "assistant kitchen superintendents," and other members of staff "assistants." Well, there's something in a name, and after all asylum work is none too exhilarating. The board is to be congratulated on its up-to-dateness and enterprise.

Warped Consciences.

Blackpool Town Council allow Sunday boating and bathing, let out deck-chairs, and run tramcars for profit, but have refused to allow healthy games to be played in their parks and recreation-grounds on the same day. Alderman Tom Bickerstaffe has described the council as "a parcel of hypocrites." And what he says is true.

Good Samaritan Robbed.

Only a rascal at heart robs the man who has given him a helping hand, as George Texes did at Bramley. A piteous story he told of being out of work and hungry and when Alfred Johnson took him home, fed him, and gave him shelter the rascal got up in the night and robbed his benefactor. Now Texes has rightly been placed for a time where he will find little to steal.

The "Little Member."

A poor chap in Stoneycroft, named Thomas Hattersby, had been in jail, but was trying to forget and make good, when a callous neighbour threw the fact of his slip in his face, breaking his heart and causing him to take his life. We hope the owner of this mischievous tongue has now got an uneasy conscience as well.

Another Victim.

We hope the enquiry into the ways of moneylenders will not ignore the evidence at the inquest on Thomas Edward Shipley, thirty-three, a clerk at the Royal Aircraft Factory, Farnborough. The lenders wrote to the superintendent of the factory and asked his aid in their harrying of the poor victim. The wretched borrower, driven mad by the persecution, poisoned himself. Meanwhile the post is choked with moneylenders' lying bait to lure other young men to ruin and death.

The Human Machine

Open Their Eyes!

by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

EVERY parent at some time has been hard put to it to parry the awkward questions of children about sex, and in this way or that most parents try to steer a middle course between blank refusal to answer and telling the child the truth.

The possibilities of harm that can come from this evasion of facts cannot be exaggerated.

It is a grave mistake to assume, as so many people do, that children are not really interested in these matters until they reach their teens, or that they have no real curiosity to be satisfied.

Curiosity about sex begins at an incredibly early age, and once a child has made his first enquiries be sure he will not rest until he has found out what he wants to know.

It rests entirely with his parents whether he shall find out from them or from other—and undesirable—sources.

PARENTS should realise that their children's characters are shaped for good or ill in the early years of life. I would go so far as to say that a child will never again lose or even greatly change the traits that he develops during the first seven years.

What, then, is to be done in this matter of sex? In my opinion, there is only one safe rule: *tell a young child nothing until he asks, but when he does ask, tell him the truth.* There is no need to go beyond the question: tell him what he asks in language suited to his years and nothing more.

Children, moreover, are not fools. Fairy tales about storks and cabbages and black bags merely engender distrust of the parent that may have serious reactions later on.

A Splendid Record.

Benjamin Watson has won the prize for service and shepherding at Norfolk Agricul Show. He began work at six years of age, ea a shilling a week, and he has worked on the farm for seventy-two years. He is still act at work, a standing example of plodding and ful endurance, and along with his wife, with he has resided for fifty years in one cottag example to present-day restlessness.

There are Others.

When William Frederick Skipp was accus Stafford with attempting suicide he stated he intended to finish life on his twenty birthday and thus celebrate it. He had come end of his resources, and preferred death to wa on the roads. He was discharged on expre regret and promising to return to his moth London. But what then? The work for wa men does not materialise, and hopelessness gr

High-handed Admiralty.

Owing to the wretched shooting of the Admi experts who fire torpedoes into Weymouth the lives of bathers and beach-strollers have endangered, while one torpedo sank a tra nearly drowning Robert Cook and his son. Admiralty refuse compensation to the fisher who is ruined by the loss of his vessel. Yerburgh, the local M.P., has started a fund the fisherman. The testers should be rest to a lonely part of the coast out of harm's wa

A Woman's Bravery.

Women will soon hold the record for bur capturing. When Mrs. Lois Remmington fo man in her bedroom at Croydon she ne screamed nor fainted, but locked him in the r When he escaped through the window to the she tackled him, and when he struck her in face and ran away she followed until he caught. The man, George Davis, aged forty has been sentenced to three years' penal servi there having been twenty previous convi against him. We could do with more perso Mrs. Remmington's persistence.

The Luxury Ride.

The limit of absurdity in regard to the "d is reached at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, where recip take a motor-coach ride of three miles to their benefits. The local Farmers' Union is indignant, one delegate expressing the op that the men deserved locking up. It woul more useful to express indignation with system that keeps men idling on inadequate while agriculture in this country is going to and ruin. Commonsense would offer reason wages and make a profit on the food stuff labour would produce.

Mean Tactics.

When Brighton lifeboatmen received a me that two people had drifted out to sea in an boat without oars they put out at once a full crew. At length they espied a motor apparently broken down and made for it all speed. Then the motor-boat began to the boat dashed off, while the occup laughed and jeered at the success of deception. Those who would play tricks such a gallant life-saving service are both wit heart and conscienceless.

The Kiddies' "Public."

There are happy children at Bow in Lo where one of the worst slum areas used to fou place. Rat-ridden, dreadful hovels, condem by the County Council, were pulled down, a toddler of two knocking out the first brick of demolition. Now a children's public-house, bright swinging sign, stands open. It has a flat-roof playground, and an open-air sch room where disease germs die out instead of sp ing. Just a few people, of whom Miss Lester is one, decided on the change, and it come about. Faith, combined with love of children, can get both money and the labou transform the world.

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n pals paying for the journey and the treat-
That is the comradeship that has set a
his feet. We hope to see him run soon.

hes with an Echo.

Church of England is endeavouring to set
use in order, the question of lay presentation
rical livings having bulked largely at the
Church Assembly. But this is not the sort
estion which is troubling the mind of the
n-the-street, who is far more concerned with
parsons say in their pulpits, and do in their
es, than with how they got there. What,
stance, is the Church's message to the
on the grim problem of poverty ? Is no
r but an echo to be heard ?

tion for Prisoners.

he case of Hugh Carrol, of Burnley, charged
he murder of his wife and child, the question
prisoner's alleged confession is again to the
The plain justice of this matter is that no
sion ought ever to be received from a
er by the police, except in the presence of
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for Sale.

stealing of a six-months-old baby boy from
e a public-house in Waterloo Road, S.E.,
en explained on the ground that a lady at
s wanted to adopt a child, and some un-
lous woman thought she saw her way to
a profit out of the job. The whole thing is
lous. In the present lax state of the law,
adoption" of babies is too often a cloak for
rst forms of cruelty and vice. The severance
ldren from their parents should be allowed
nder the strictest safeguards.

Wha Ha'e.

ndow-smashing as an amusement in the
h Army is something new, but Colchester,
the Royal Scots are stationed there, has
d an epidemic of it. The game was to
r out after midnight, "dare" a man to aim
w at a likely window, then while the glass
d—dash away. Privates Forbes, Morton
hambers have been captured and sentenced
ree months' hard labour, while other men
also gone to prison. The military authorities
ked to take steps to stop this sort of thing.
he credit of the regiment it's a pity they
d to be asked.

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ndee is going to have a roll of honour in
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ute, and we are amazed to learn that the
will be of Austrian oak with panels sur-
ted by a St. Andrew Cross. Why Austrian
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ships that enabled Britannia to rule the
s. Is it not good enough for Dundee ?
who are commemorated would never have
ed it had they been told before they went
hat if they fell money subscribed in their
r would go into the pockets of the enemy.

May-blossoms.

There is a money lender at 171, Queen Victoria Street, E.C.4, who calls himself A. May. A little while ago he advertised in the *Cambrian Daily Leader* and the *South Wales Daily Post*, offering to lend from £10 to £1,000. A lady reader of JOHN BULL applied for a £10 loan. She was told that her application was quite satisfactory, and was asked to send on a fee of 5s. May accepted the 5s., told the lady she would hear from him in the course of a few days, but from that day she can get no further communication from him.

Crabbing the Kiddies.

A reader of JOHN BULL travelling down to Torquay had to pay full rate for his child's meal in the dining-car. He would have had no complaint if the company had not advertised that children would be charged only half-price for meals. On complaining, he was told that the company has now withdrawn the reduced priced meals for children. It would be much more popular if the company would restore the regulation instead of rescinding it.

A Note for the Public Prosecutor.

What is happening in the case of James Maxwell, alias Claud Ravenscroft, whom we recently exposed for obtaining money from people for goods he did not supply, and for passing dishonoured cheques while an undischarged bankrupt ? Further cases have been brought to the notice of our Special Commissioner, and in at least one he has committed a criminal offence, having obtained nearly £20 of credit without disclosing his bankrupt state.

Two-Bob a Week.

Some time ago, when Mr. Will Murray presented a show called "Casey's Court" at the Hippodrome, Birmingham, he employed a number of youngsters to appear in certain scenes. The show was played twice nightly, and at the end of the week Mr. Murray paid them the munificent sum of 2s. for their work. This kind of philanthropy on the stage is a very undesirable thing.

"Blot on the Union Jack."

The Sudan Government has investigated the incident we exposed in which a native boy was flogged, and tied up under the Union Jack, and left exposed to the sun. We understand, officially, that the official responsible for this incident was an Egyptian mamur, or officer, and that he is no longer in the employ of the Sudan Government. We should like to hear also that this shockingly ill-treated child has been compensated for the honour of the Empire.

Unique Una.

The woman, Una Hanley, against whom we warned the public two years ago, has again come into the limelight, or, rather, left it with a sentence of three months for obtaining credit by false pretences at a Fishguard hotel. She is the woman who posed as a titled lady, practised as a doctor, and married Brig.-General Oliver de Lancey Williams, who divorced her when he found out what manner of wife he had taken to himself. She is, apparently, incorrigible, and should be dealt with severely.

Company-Law Crooks.

Two particularly mean tricksters were sent to jail last week—one T. R. Marshall, alias Cooper Marshall, and the other an old offender named Richard Tracey. Both are rogues who, for many years, have duped countless people through the medium of bogus companies and shares. We suggest that the committee which is now enquiring into the question of amendments to the company law might well call for the official dossiers of both these cases.

"JOHN BULL" FREE INSURANCE GIFT.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Before going on holiday, in order to remain qualified for Benefits whilst away, be sure to tell your newsagent to resume delivery of "John Bull" immediately on your return.

Problems of Life

Ups and Downs

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

IT has been said that the only trouble people never get over is loss of wealth.

The statement is not universally true. I have known at least one family which was happier and more united when poor than when rich.

Dr. R. J. Campbell

But individuals who have come down in the world are seldom able to accept their loss of fortune with equanimity and they may and often do allow themselves to become permanently soured by the experience.

Nor is this surprising. Human nature being what it is, there are few of us who can bear to be rudely stripped of our customary habits and associations, which is what usually happens when money goes.

Most of our joys are relative. We measure what we have by comparison with what we formerly had; and what would be opulence to one person would be penury to another.

Then, too, there is the mortification of being nobody after having been somebody, and this change of level in the esteem of those around us is just as possible in a tiny hamlet as in the environment of fashionable society.

IT is hard to forgive any person who is the cause of such misfortune or even to take a just view of his culpability.

How often we hear of a man being ruined through trusting too implicitly to the word of a friend!

The defaulter is not usually so treacherous as he seems. He probably hopes to make good, but does not quite tell you all the truth about his resources, and when he is in a tight place and sees an opportunity of wriggling out at your expense—well, he takes it.

But there are no more difficult people to deal with than those who are for ever lamenting a downfall for which they have none but themselves to blame, yet refuse to acknowledge it.

As the Scottish Baird lecturer for last year says: "It is the most sorrowful period in a man's life when he begins to attribute his failures to having enemies. There is no enemy so dangerous as oneself. For one swift runner tripped up by a rival or a jealous foe, there are a hundred who have made themselves fall."

THE one golden rule that should govern all salutary effort to regain hold on life after its material supports have been struck away is this: Don't dwell on the past.

The unfortunate almost invariably idealise the past.

Imagining it to have been better than it was, they allow it to act as a sort of dead weight upon the energy and hopefulness required to effect a good recovery in the present.

Cut the loss morally as well as materially; dismiss resentments and regrets; and the delicate plant of happiness will bloom again.

WIRELESS SWINDLER'S CAREER

RICHES FROM ROGUERY

A Crook in a Tangle

THE wireless trade has been of such rapid development that it has offered exceptional opportunities to people desiring to get rich quick. They have been prompt to see that when you are selling goods to people who don't know very much about the new industry it is easy to lead them on by alluring advertisements.

From information in our possession we are able to say quite plainly that a gentleman called Frederick Burroughs is one of the meanest swindlers in London. For months we have been trying to get in touch with him, on behalf of people who have complained about his business methods. But he is so elusive that we could not succeed in finding where he was from day to day.

A bait for unemployed

About two years ago Burroughs was associated with a firm at Grove Vale, London, S.E., called Burroughs and Cornelius. His speciality was to advertise for representatives to assist him in his business, which, at that time, was the stationery trade.

Burroughs set his bait particularly for such of the unemployed as had a few pounds to spare, and to them he offered, mostly by correspondence, and always in glowing terms, "appointments" at £2 10s. a week, plus 10 per cent. commission on all orders claimed, with the prospects of further increases in salary to the right men.

Everything looked extremely rosy, and several poor out-of-works sent applications to Burroughs and Cornelius for the jobs. Then Burroughs explained that it was necessary for the employés to take with them "valuable" samples, and called upon them to send him £3 or so, as security for the goods. It was only when clients had done this, and received the precious "samples," that they realised how they had been duped.

The stationery was mere trash—nobody wanted it—and when the dupes wrote to Burroughs for their money back they did not get it. All they got were promises, which Burroughs excelled both in making and in breaking.

Sir Archibald Bodkin, the Public Prosecutor, who should stop this crook

Burroughs suddenly found himself smothered by letters, and even more inconvenienced by personal applications, asking for the return of money. This did not daunt him. He brazened out the whole thing, promising and promising, and—moved to another address.

For a time he continued to play the stationery game, though with mobile addresses, but a little later was established at 186, Albany Street, N.W. 1, where this get-rich-quick Wallingford decided upon a new plan.

He opened a fresh business at 59, Cronin Road, Peckham, and posed as an "agent and dealer in all descriptions of wireless sets and accessories." He advertised extensively.

Orders poured in. He took on a large staff to cope with them, employing a number of juniors at a wage which showed that he was decidedly averse from letting anyone else share in the handsome profits he was scooping in. He took in a business manager, a Mr. A. H. Godfrey, and the firm presently became Burroughs and Godfrey, and took more pretentious premises at McDermott Road, Rye Lane, Peckham. Together these gentlemen induced hundreds of people to send money for the wireless goods they advertised under alluring headings.

For months countless people have been unable to get their goods or a return of their money, or even a reply from Burroughs and Godfrey, the latter of whom appears to have retired from the business owing to some dispute with the irrepressible Burroughs.

Questions to be answered

Burroughs' contention is that although some of the amounts claimed against him are correct he does not regard himself as responsible, but puts the blame on to the shoulders of others associated with him in the business. If that policy were permissible there would be an end of all business dealings.

The police, however, might ask themselves a simple question. If a person continually takes money from people for goods they do not get, and if that person does not refund the money after repeated applications for its return, is there no effective way of putting an end to such preposterous and predatory methods?

If the police cannot answer this question, the Public Prosecutor might be able to do so.

A Glittering Gamble

Was Sir Basil Thomson Hoaxed?

SOME two years ago a reader of JOHN BULL bought some shares in a concern called the Colombian Power and Transport Company, Ltd., an undertaking formed to buy gold and platinum and emerald mines in Colombia, and also to arrange for the working of transport and public utility services, such as tramways, waterworks, sewage and electric light in important cities in that South American Republic.

The prospectus gave some very interesting facts about Colombia, which suggest that old Christopher Columbus, after whom it was called, builded better than he knew.

High-sounding inducements

It pointed out that Colombia was the third country in South America in extent and population, that its coffee crop had increased in twelve years by four times in extent and eight times in value, and that its credit was so high in New York that its last federal loan was subscribed there within two hours after the lists had opened.

The gold mines it was proposed to buy were called Quiparodo, Chichirido, Vallecl, Pegodo and Piedras Blancas, which did not convey much to the reader. But he did not worry.

Confidence assured

If he could not investigate matters like this himself, he had complete confidence that nobody could impose, with false pretences or misleading inducements, on the board of directors or at least one of them.

For the chairman of the board is no less well-known a personality than Sir Basil Thomson, K.C.B., formerly the distinguished head of Scotland Yard, the man who knows all the crooks and sharpers of Europe, all the dodges of the wily ones, the trap-baiters and the flat-catchers.

Could one have a better guarantee that things would be all right, that promises held out would be realised, than to have them under the personal supervision of a super-detective, a man whom kings relied on for safety, acumen and discretion? Would Sir Basil, our reader thought, have been chairman of this company if he had not satisfied his far-seeing brain that this was a good thing that a man of his position could recommend to his fellow-countrymen? Our reader, in any case, states that it was this important fact which induced him to invest.

A post to be held

Alas, to-day our reader is not happy. Two years have passed. He cannot get any dividends from gold or emeralds or platinum, or even from tramways. He cannot even learn when the general meeting is to be held, but he has learned, with some uneasiness, a rumour that Sir Basil Thomson is about to resign.

We hope the rumour is untrue and that Sir Basil, on whose name capital was sought and subscribed, will remain at his post until he has given the usual account of his stewardship.

A Medicine Mongerer

The law that helps crook

WE make no apology for bring before the attention of authorities another scand lous illustration of the way which people are swindled by employment-with-investment ram

Many of the swindles that we h exposed have been followed by act on the part of the authorities, and particular of the Home Office, up to the present no member Parliament seems to have thought worth while to deal with this mat

Some time ago Mr. A. Fish, of Abbey Road, Abbey Wood, S.E., an advertisement for a manager drug store—security required, £ Mr. Fish is no longer young, and was engaged as an insurance ag and was seeking some position w would involve less physical strain.

He interviewed the man who serted the advertisement, Mr. He Charles Stanhope Bedding, who a chemist's shop at 47, Old Woolw Road, East Greenwich, which he converted into a limited compa and had made himself manag director.

Companions in distress

Bedding took another shop at Old Dover Road, Blackheath, a put Mr. Fish into this at £3 15s. week, having first lifted £100 fr him. After a fortnight Fish fo that his life was being made bearable, and he resigned and as for his money back. In the me time, he found that two other had also advanced money to Bedd and they too had resigned and manded their money back.

Bedding calmly told him that had invested it in the busines, that he had had the misfortune be made a bankrupt by a wholes firm to whom he owed money.

Now clearly this money was his to invest. It was held in tr and as a security. Most of th employment-with-investment ras induce their victims to take sha which takes the money out of tr Bedding was not quick enough that, and he has now gone to jail obtaining money by false pretenc

Victims no better off

He got a light sentence, perha because at one time he had behav bravely in seizing the armed mani Titus, who in 1912 shot the landl of an hotel in Tottenham Court Ro Men must not be allowed to use s circumstances as a plea in mitigati of robbery, particularly when, as Bedding's case, there was a previo conviction for fraud.

But his imprisonment does give back to his victims their ha earned savings. Here is where P liament must step in and make it felony to take money as security the pretence of giving employme and then to squander that mon This matter has now become so urg that we ask the Home Secreta to deal with it himself.

udacious Aliens

who plot and plunder

r last issue we dealt with the n menace, and showed how ndreds of rascally foreigners ading this country for the of carrying out impudent cial swindles on a gigantic

people realize how rapidly ses are spreading. Since our appeared several other cases curred which vividly demon- hat our demands are justified. eal with one or two of them. ng Chinese, named Jo Wing of use Causeway, who has a wife, ran a restaurant until in Chinatown. The shop A little later another Chinese ested for being in the posses- opium-smoking utensils at address and, as a result, Wing been charged at Thames Court for permitting his pre- o be used for opium-smoking.

e back

happened? Wing pleaded nd was fined £5! Is this the deal with cases of this kind? penalty likely to act as a t to others of Wing's class? s he not ordered for deporta-

the case of a coloured bully James Rich. This man came rolina, and has been living en- his wits. He has now come e hands of Detectives Kelly tle of the C.I.D., who arrested the Seven Dials for having his possession.

is a notorious associate of a us gang of alien rogues who dope. Detective-Sergeant n giving evidence, endorsed stantly published contention highly organized scheme was for supplying drugs.

spitality

nding Rich to jail for six and recommending him for tion, Mr. A. J. Lawrie said the e was out of the country the We agree. But will he be d?

at random, let us take the Victor Montenegro Ozarzun, a student in London, who stole necklace entrusted to him by e de Plena for the purpose of it valued. Ozarzun came of a mily in Chili, but has lately sociating with people of low er. Last week he pleaded o the charge of theft, and n recommended for deporta- Will the Home Office carry recommendation?

not ask Parliament to frame ons that will help to keep every able foreigner from setting foot already overcrowded soil, and s to get rid of those who have got here and betrayed our ity?

PEER'S IGNOBLE DEEDS

FLAGRANT OIL SHARES SWINDLE

Thousands of People Robbed

FOR many years in America a particular form of fraud has been practised by unscrupulous promoters who specialise in oil-stock and oil-land ramps. The result is that millions of poor and credulous American citizens have been imposed upon and fleeced, and the position "over there" has become so bad that the Transatlantic police have for months been steadily engaged in trying to prevent further frauds.

With millions of victims, then, the oil-stock and oil-land grabbers found the pace too hot for them in America, and set to work to conquer the virgin soil of Britain with its "greenhorn" inhabitants.

This is how they did it. A concern called the International Oil Industries was set up at 15, Strand, London, W.C., which sent circulars to all and sundry—mostly to the struggling masses who do not understand the intricacies of company investments—stating that wonderful oil and mineral properties were situated in places like Zapata County, Texas, and pointing out that important rights over such land had been acquired.

Wild-cat oil schemes

Extravagant language and glowing inducements urged the recipients of the circulars to purchase portions of this gold-bearing, oil-spurting and fortune-making land for sums of from three guineas upwards.

At the outset we told our readers to have nothing to do with this proposition. Those who took our advice will to-day be gratified.

The International Oil Industries had for its chairman that grasping and greedy, penurious and shady nobleman, the Rt. Hon. Lord Haldon. He deliberately urged thousands of unsuspecting Britishers to hand over money to preposterous and wild-cat oil propositions which he must have known were suspiciously like many of the notorious ramps that had been worked to death in America, and circulars sent out had Lord Haldon's coronet imprinted upon them. His coat-of-arms, by the way, has the pious motto, *Deo Ducente*—"God Leading Us."

A disappointed hope

Presently a concern called "The Oil Lease Investment Company" came along and established itself at 21A, Southampton Buildings, Holborn, W.C. By a cleverly worked campaign, which extended from one end of Britain to the other, it contrived to get further victims to part with money in the various Texas oil propositions it boosted. The Rt. Hon. Lord Haldon was also associated with this.

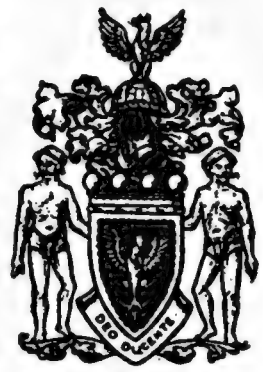
Money poured in from all over the country. Thousands of "plots," all of them suggested to be rich in oil, were foisted upon the public.

Then something dramatic happened. A special indictment was framed under the American law against certain of the Texas principals in connection with the use of the American mails for the purposes of fraud.

Severe comments were made regarding the part played by the Rt. Hon. Lord Haldon, and about a person named George Hills, a London financier, who was one of the chief figures behind another oil share-pushing concern called George Hills Investments Limited.

Many people hoped, at the time, that the inglorious Haldon and the unscrupulous Hills would be extradited to America to give some explanation of their disgraceful conduct. This hope was not fulfilled, however.

Haldon and Hills later retired from the scene, and the Oil Lease Investment Company, about a year ago, became the Oil Lease Investment Company, *Limited*. Investors all over the country, who were by this time beginning to feel very uneasy about their investments, were smothered with circulars from Windsor House, Victoria Street, S.W.1, from the newly limited concern.



Lord Haldon's crest, with its pious motto

These circulars stated that the directors were now able to make the most important announcement to their leaseholders since the inception of the company. Great play was made of the fact that "the new management comprises men who have invested their own money in the company, and who have practical experience of oil land development derived from many years' active experience in the field."

Mess to be cleared up

The directors went on to say that "doubtless many of our clients feel somewhat disappointed that the development of their land has not been more rapid and brought them ere this some adequate return for their investment," but pledged themselves that everything would be quite all right in the end if "your further indulgence and patience and sensible co-operation" is continued.

Then came the last paragraph, full of cunning, which restored hope to the sickened hearts of the dupes. "Although you may receive offers to sell your leases from various sources," it ran, "we strongly urge you not to sell."

It was about this time that Mr. George Hills, who had previously been very prominent in this swindle, fell out with some of his associates and left the concern. It was probably his knowledge of the true state of affairs which gave him the idea to run a pretty little swindle of his own.

He sent circulars in the name of the Oil Lease Investment Co., Ltd., to plotholders, telling them that if they wanted to get rid of their plots he could do it for them, on a good financial basis, if they each sent him £1 for expenses. Of course, he knew that hundreds of them would—and did. The result is that Hills is still in jail for obtaining money by false pretences.

Now what of the newly registered company, the company that was to save the situation on the personal pledge of its directors—R. A. Richie, 15, Granville Place, W.1; Robert O. Graham, 24, Victoria Street, S.W.1; J. M. Ouseley, 33, Stanhope Road, S.W.16; and William E. Creeke, 33, Church Crescent, Muswell Hill, N.? Where is it to be found?

Misrepresentation and tricke y

Where is this company, which came upon the scene when things looked black, and sent out extravagantly worded circulars promising that, although its poor dupes might feel disappointed that some adequate return for their investment had not been made, they need not worry as the mess was to be cleared up by new men who were expert in oil land development?

The answer is a tragic one. All the letters now being sent by investors to the last-known address of the company, 21a, Southampton Buildings, are being returned marked "Gone away." We are being inundated with letters from plotholders asking for information.

The truth is that the secretary of this company, which was registered in Guernsey, and therefore is not amenable to the law of England, recently filed a statement that it had ceased to do business in this country—which means that it has suddenly closed its doors, and hopes, in this strange way, to become a thing of the past that will be quickly forgotten!

We say that it will be one of the gravest scandals in the history of company law if this concern, with the amazing part it has played in this wicked and brazen and callous fraud, first with the misrepresentation of Lord Haldon and his satellites, followed by the trickery of the rascally Hills, and latterly by the hopeful promises of the new directors, is permitted to end by suddenly disappearing.

A call for explanation

We call upon the directors to make some explanation of the matter. While they are making up their minds as to what to say, we think the Public Prosecutor might usefully ask one or two of his officials to investigate the activities of this audacious and scandalous oil-plot swindle.

MENTAL HOMES MENACE

DRIVING CHILDREN MAD

Control Board's Ruthless Tyranny

SOMETHING drastic must be done about the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913, which, in its complete disregard of the elementary rights of the individual, stands unique.

The Act was framed "to make further and better provision for the care of the feeble-minded and other mentally defective persons." Whether or not it has succeeded in this object, time has proved its authors to have been feeble-minded legislators and defective statesmen.

Extraordinary and autocratic powers are vested in a body known as the Board of Control. The board, consisting of Sir Frederick J. Willis, chairman, and eleven other members, has complete authority over the bodies and souls of all the mental deficients in England and Wales.

The board may send a child, found guilty of some trifling offence, to a certified institution, and keep him there for the rest of his days. Neither he nor his parents has any say.

The infallible board

There is no tribunal to whom they can appeal. Certain powers outside the board are vested in the local authorities administering the institutions. Once every five years, for example, their visiting committees examine mental deficients, and recommend their release or detention.

In fairness it should be pointed out that parents may lodge an objection against their decision. They may appeal to the Board of Control!

The board does not confine the grounds of its decisions to the mental state of the patients. It has the right of declaring that the parents are not fit persons to look after them.

The parents cannot call evidence before an independent body to prove that the Board of Control has committed an error of judgment. According to the Act, the board simply cannot make mistakes, and there is an end of it!

We have had frequent occasion to call attention to abuses of the power vested in the Board of Control. Another glaring case has come to our notice.

Hugh P. MacMillan, K.C., President of the Royal Commission on Lunacy

In September, 1915, an Enfield boy, William Edward Styles, was convicted of theft, committed while under the influence of a schoolmate of stronger character. Styles, then fourteen and a half, was put on probation for a year, and sent to a home in the neighbourhood.

At the end of six months he was removed to the certified institution connected with the Enfield workhouse. There he remained for five years. At the end of that time, November, 1920, the father applied to have his boy sent home.

Threats, but no action

The Board of Control replied that, "as the result of enquiries" it had made, it was unable to consent to his discharge "from institutional care."

By way of protest Mr. Styles refused to pay for maintenance. Since then he has had numerous threats of proceedings, but no action has yet been taken.

In the spring of 1924, the boy, by this time grown into a young man of twenty-three, had a slight operation. On recovery his father was permitted to have him out for a week-end.

Believing that his son would benefit from a visit to the sea-side, he obtained work as a piano-tuner in Brighton, and took him there for a fortnight. On return to Enfield, he kept him at home for a further six weeks. At the end of that time a police officer took him back to the institution.

A stereotyped reply

The father states that during the whole of the period of freedom his son's conduct was exemplary; but when application was made to the Board of Control in November, 1924, for permanent release, he received the same reply as in 1920.

Mr. Styles applied for a summons for illegal detention against the doctor in charge of the institution. This was refused.

Further to call attention to his grievance, Mr. Styles smashed a workhouse window. No proceedings were taken, but his son was removed to the Brentry Institution, near Bristol, where he still remains.

A letter written by young Styles a few weeks ago proves him to be quite intelligent, and the Board of Control have never suggested that he is likely to be a danger to himself or to the community if set free. It is monstrous that any twelve individuals should have the power to deprive parents of all control of their children.

The Board of Control has other powers, equally dangerous, and we insist that the Act of 1913 be thoroughly amended, and brought more in line with the principles of individual liberty,

Thomson the Twister

Handsome Profits, but Not for Clients

FOR some time we have received enquiries about Thomson Bros. & Co., of 93 and 94, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.2, and have published small warning paragraphs about them.

In view of the complaints now reaching us, it is obvious that publicity in greater detail is necessary in order to show why the investing public should give this concern a wide berth.

Thomson's tricky trade

Thomson Bros. & Co. describe themselves as "stock and share dealers," but the firm is really not a firm at all, but the trading name of a gentleman named J. Thomson. Some years ago he was a racing tipster. It is not so very long ago that he was associated with a notorious bucket-shop keeper.

Let us take one case to describe Thomson's tricky trade. A Bristol reader received a circular which explained how money could be made through this precious firm. Mr. Bristol, as we shall call him, wrote and received a reply from "Thomson Bros. & Co." that all he had to do was to send them a sum of money to secure a "marginal option" on certain shares.

A booby-trap

Mr. Bristol sent £30, and got a receipt signed by J. Thomson himself. But when, as Mr. Bristol thought, he was entitled to some of the profits it had been suggested he would make, he was disappointed.

He got a letter which did not enclose the anticipated cheque, but which brought the news that owing to an unforeseen fall in the shares, Mr. Bristol's "margin is more than absorbed and the option lapses."

Mr. Bristol did not understand this strange phraseology. He wrote to say so, urging that Mr. Thomson was not keeping to his bargain. He got a letter which stated that the matter "has closed, unsuccessfully, to our regret."

There the matter ends—or at least we presume so—as far as Mr. Bristol's £30 is concerned. He no longer likes this "marginal option" business. Neither do we.

These "options" are a well-known booby-trap. You are supposed to acquire the right to buy a number of shares within a certain period. If they go up you sell and pocket the difference; if they go down you lose your money.

No option allowed

But if you are dealing with an outside stockbroker you do not know whether the "option" has been bought for you or not. If he tells you you have lost you must believe him, and swallow the medicine as best you may.

The Lure of Gold

A Missing Explorer

WE think that an expedition force should at once be out to Peru to find the intrepid explorer, Mr. John Fenn.

There may be people who do know of Mr. John Fenn, or why call him an explorer. It is because he has himself told us that explo is his profession. Or, again, it be asked why we should wish retrieve one explorer more another. It is because John is most benevolent explorer the has ever known.

Once he was out on the upp reaches of the Amazon, looking wild rubber-trees at somebody expense. While there, he found river, the bed of which was full virgin gold. John said nothing, seized a poor Indian by the back the neck and made him dive into river and bring up a handful of gold sand from the bottom.

The sight that dazzled

John looked at it and his eyes glistened. With his mind full of g he came to London and went stra to Golden Square, off Piccadi where he opened offices and inv all and sundry to join him financi in the splendid adventure of g out to Peru to pick up the gold w the poor Indian had left lying at bottom of the stream.

John said that if you sent him he would return you £1,000. If sent him £1,000 no doubt he w return you the Bank of England the Consolidated Fund.

We recommended our readers to lend their money to Mr. Fenn. do not repent the advice. John been out there now since early this with his transport carried by m llamas and porters. But no w has come from him to those financed him about the gold. H still there? Is John still there?

A confidential whisper

We do not know. John has b manager behind him at Go Square, Piccadilly, and when exc investors come up with empty tru anxious to fill them with bright p the manager whispers confidentl that he is still waiting for news.

We do not wish to be hard upo hardy explorer in spite of his ha hood, but we say plainly that police ought at least to see wh they can induce the resident mana to get in touch with the dis explorer and ask for a message account.

John might at any rate send native porter back to the ne town and give him enough gold d to pay for a cable home. In alternative, John must not be su if at long last we begin to suspect of being a gold-plated fraud

...ns Across the Sea

...s Canada Approve?

...constantly stated in Canada ...t the Dominion needs good ... suitable emigrants. Why, ...es it not take them when it ... chance?

...sk this question because of ...zing treatment of a British ...r, Mr. A. Francis, of 51, ...Road, Sparkbrook, Birming-...

...s wanted to go to Canada, ...a very good reason. He has ...r-in-law there, a solid man, ...x-hundred acre farm, and two ...n it, and this brother-in-law ...Francis one of these houses ...hare in the farm. Francis, ... two rooms, jumped at the ...of a better future for his ...

...lieved Canada wanted men ..., and he certainly wanted a ...e.

...nd of ...se

...ad joined up at eighteen, as an ...it. He was not wounded in ... and passed out A1. He is a ... layer, wielding pick and ...d sledge hammers for hours ...e. A stout lad!

...ght an assisted passage. He ... the type for it. He saw the ... Government's medical re...ive, who gave him a medical ...e that he was fit to earn his ... a farmer in Canada, shook ...th him, wished him luck, and ... him half-a-guinea, and an...f-guinea for his wife.

...an preparations to go, selling ...p and arranging for a boat. ...had another medical exami...y the Chief Medical Adviser ...Canadian Government, who ... that though he had a slight ...rmur—he had that day been ...renches—it was not such as ...t him going and getting on. ...he blow fell. He was told ... could not go—because of ...uble and because he was not ...ual worker." When is a ...igger not a manual labourer?

...ing to ...

...ok the matter up with the ... authorities. Now they say ...can go—if he pays his own ...

...word of apology. No expla...f why he cannot have an ...passage. Is this the way to ...British ex-soldier? Do the ... people approve of it? If ...all be greatly surprised, and ...pointed as Francis himself.

... case, we think the Canadian ...ent authorities might well ...raceful gesture here. We do ... them to recoup Francis for ... and money he has lost, but ...ght at least put him back, ...ey want him in Canada, to ...tion he occupied when he ... himself as an accepted ...e for an assisted passage.

NIGHT CLUB REVELATIONS

VULTURES OF THE UNDERWORLD

Police Bound by Red Tape

THERE is, unhappily, very little doubt in the minds of the thieves and thugs and evil characters of the underworld of London that they are going to win their battle with the Home Secretary in the matter of night clubs.

It is a vital business for the rascality and ruffianism of the Capital that no undue interference should take place with the present system, which gives them almost ideal conditions for robbery and violence, extortion and blackmail.

Going the wrong way about it

The situation can be shortly summarised. Over three years ago Sir Charles Higham, M.P., in the House of Commons, called attention to the disreputable night clubs which sold drink after hours. Mr. Shortt, the then Home Secretary, replied that whenever information was obtained of illegal practices in clubs the police would take action. We shall see presently how misleading such an answer was.

Much was expected of the present Home Secretary, Sir William Joynson-Hick. He appears to be earnestly anxious to tackle the problem. But he appears, just as certainly, to be going the wrong way about it.

Much capital was made of the fact that he himself determined to get information first hand. It was announced that he had paid a visit to the Kit Kat Club.

Laughing up their sleeves

He went early in the evening, and he went to one of the most decorous and fashionable and swagger night clubs in existence, which has about as much relationship to the dangerous and disorderly dens as cheese has to coal.

Then it was announced that a Bill would be introduced to give the police further powers which would enable them to free the West End of disreputable night clubs. The Bill is still in embryo—and there seems to be little hope that it will ever be anything else—and rascality is quietly laughing and going on with renewed zest at its nefarious games.

What sort of places are these disreputable clubs which the Home Secretary has never seen? There are a score of them in Soho alone. In these places there forgather, nightly, prostitutes, thieves, bullies, negroes, confidence tricksters, ex-convicts—the lowest of the low. What are they there for?

They are there to find innocent and unwary victims. And they find them in plenty—and in safety.

A man named Frederick Clarke, for instance, was recently taken by some men he met into the Oak Club, Ham Yard, Piccadilly Circus, W. In paying for a drink there he pulled out his wallet which contained £18. This was seen by a person in the club named Charles Berry, who followed him out and, with another man, attacked him from behind, snatched his wallet, and ran.

Fortunately Berry was caught by the police and sent to prison.

Sir Wm. Joynson-Hicks

What sort of man was this Berry, the frequenter of night clubs? He is an old jail-bird with four or five sentences for assault, and for receiving stolen property. He was only out of jail a month when he committed the assault and robbery we have just described. Obviously a dangerous rogue.

The end of a perfect night

David Kripp, a commercial traveller, was grievously assaulted at a night club in Old Compton Street. His assailant was a human vulture named Weinart, who lived on women by extorting money from them and by bullying and blackmailing men whom he found in night clubs. He was a German who had served in the German army before the war. He was described by the police as a type of the undesirable alien that abounds in the West End. Their favourite haunts are the undesirable night clubs JOHN BULL is resolved to have closed down.

Prostitutes are admitted into the worst of these clubs free. Why? Because they bring in with them men who are strangers, pigeons to be plucked by the ruffians with whom these women are in alliance.

Unfortunately, unwary people of good position, and often of the highest social position, go to these clubs from a spirit of adventure. They think they are seeing life in Bohemia, enjoying liberty in Alsatia. How the thugs and crooks must smile.

Recently half a dozen Harrow boys were expelled because they were caught in a police raid on the notorious "Forty-Three" Club, the den so long associated with the incorrigible Kate Merrick—"The Night Club Queen"—who has apparently at last decided to transfer her activities to France.

In another case a drunken clergyman was found on the premises of a night club—a sad ending, indeed, to his night in Alsatia.

Mr. Shortt said that the police took action when they got information. Does anybody suppose that the thugs and the thieves walk into the police station and volunteer this information? The things are worse now than they were in Mr. Shortt's time.

The professional night-club keepers, many of whom are jail-birds themselves, fortify their clubs until they are almost impossible to raid. When the Quadrant Club at Piccadilly, for instance, was raided, it was found that there were three bolted doors leading into the premises. Inside there was a bell-push which rang an alarm buzzer to warn the people inside to get rid of drinks and hide evidence.

A dangerous job

There was another buzzer in the lounge, and the third door had a wicket through which any visitor could be scrutinised. The police, to get evidence, had to be on the roof of a neighbouring building in the small hours of the morning. The police do this work often under very dangerous conditions, and in this case one of them actually fell through a skylight window.

Why should the police be exposed to such danger and difficulty? In whose interest? Is it to protect the bad characters and the jail-birds?

There are two things that must be done. An end must be made of the ridiculous system by which anybody can go to a magistrate's clerk, pay 5s., and get a club registered. The toughest old jail-bird can do this, and the police are powerless to stop it.

At present the police cannot raid a night club without a warrant. To get such a warrant they must be able to prove persistent misconduct in a club. How can they prove it unless they can freely, and at any time, enter such places?

The same thing applies to brothels, as which many West End "cafés" and small hotels are run. The police must be able to prove that undesirable women go with different men constantly to the same place.

Home Secretary must act

What is wanted are some of the powers that "Dora" gave, and which have since been taken away. It is common-sense that when the police know that a club is frequented by thieves and harlots and jail-birds, they should be empowered to enter it, and order it to be closed as a disorderly house, whether or not they are fortunate enough to find evidence of liquor being consumed after hours.

Police officers can enter any public house to see that it is well conducted. The publicans pay licence duty and have to abide strictly to the permitted hours for the sale of drink. Yet the police cannot go into the night clubs, which sell drink in competition with respectable publicans at all hours.

Why does not the Home Secretary act? He has been talking about it for a long time. So has Home Secretary after Home Secretary.

This scandal must stop.

PROMENADE PUBS

A Square Mile of Sin

by BLAISE WYNDHAM

"LADIES unaccompanied by gentlemen will not be allowed to remain longer than fifteen minutes." Returning recently from a Continental town, notorious for the open encouragement to immorality given by its café and cabaret proprietors, the above notice, boldly displayed at the entrances of a number of West End public-houses, was reassuring and served as a reminder that here in England Continental methods are not tolerated.

Rather curious, however, to know whether the regulation was strictly enforced, I entered the upstairs "lounge" of a house within a few yards of Piccadilly Circus.

IT had the usual appearance of such places; there was plenty of light, a bar, a number of little tables and a penny-in-the-slot pianola. Some of the women present had men companions, some were alone.

Seeing a vacant table on the other side of the room I was moving towards it when a waiter, on his way back to the bar for more drinks, stopped before me, and to my amazement made a quiet but determined effort to shepherd me into a chair next one of the women sitting alone. Upon my making it clear that I did not wish to sit there, he apologised, not too graciously, and allowed me to pass.

This was the first of a series of shocks which my complacency with West End publicans' methods received. What I saw during the short time I remained in that lounge made me realise what exactly the respectable notice on the door meant in practice.

ANY woman who succeeded in persuading a man to come over to her table and buy her drinks became automatically "accompanied by a gentleman" within the meaning of the regulation. She was then more than welcome and might stay as long as she wished and—the gentleman would spend his money.

It was against the unfortunate who failed to attract a "gentleman" that the moral ire of the publican was directed, and every now and then a waiter slunk to one of these girls and jerked his head significantly towards the clock, whereupon the luckless one gathered up her gloves and bag and went. All except one. She was waiting for some one, she said. The waiter made no reply, but disappeared for a moment, and the girl sat on, sipping her drink.

PRESENTLY a burly commissionaire appeared beside her, said something I could not catch, and then, without further ceremony, pulled her out of her chair, pushed her downstairs, and literally flung her into the street. The incident attracted little attention; two or three people glanced round, somebody laughed, and then things went on as before.

At least, there was no doubt about the rule being strictly enforced; neither, upon consideration, was there any doubt about its being very much to the proprietor's interest that it should be. Not only did it enable him to deal with that *bete noir* of publicans, the person who sits for half an hour over one drink, but it had a speeding-up effect upon the women, each of whom, knowing she had only a quarter of an hour, did her best to attract a man as quickly as possible. When she succeeded the waiter saw to it that the man kept spending.

NOR was this an isolated example. Within half a mile were a dozen other upstairs lounges run upon precisely similar lines, all obviously catering for "unaccompanied ladies" and the men who wished to meet them.

I began to wonder whether this stealthy exploitation of immorality was not every bit as bad as anything on the Continent, and whether an unpleasant name given to the proprietors of certain foreign cafés should not also be given the West End publican who allows an unfortunate fifteen minutes in which, as one of them put it, "to get off or get out!"

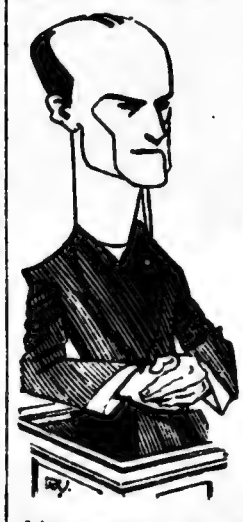
"WHOA" TO WO

A Knight in Mourning

THE SENTENCE OF THE COURT

DEPOSITING his crepe-bound hat on the ledge of the dock and wiping his dome of intellect with a black-bordered handkerchief, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister, President of the Board of Trade, announced in a sepulchral tone that he was "Not guilty" of displaying a signal of distress without adequate cause.

"It is a serious matter for any navigator licensed by the Board of Trade to show a distress signal unless it is unquestionably warranted," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "and the offence becomes even more serious when committed by the President of the Board himself. I submit that the quite unnecessarily gloomy review of our trade position given by Sir Philip in the House of Commons constituted such an offence. Doubtless the figures he quoted were accurate, but attenuated figures need not be accompanied by elongated faces.



"The accused stated that we were scarcely doing more than squaring our accounts, spoke of steel, shipbuilding and engineering depression, a dwindling cotton trade and a falling off in coal and heavy metals, and behaved generally like a professional mourner weeping over the bier of British commerce. I admit that things are by no means as good as they might be, but the report of the death of our trade has been greatly exaggerated, and the obsequies Sir Philip seems ready to arrange would be, to say the least, premature.

"Unfortunately, the Board of Trade seems bankrupt of constructive ideas. Asked what measures he intended to take to help things, this minister in undertaker's clothing replied that the Board w disseminate information, which as helpful as it would be to distri Board of Health statistics to the inmates of hospitals. I agree with his further remark that any permanent improvement must depend upon imbuing industry with confidence, but this will not be done if he persists in his mourning-after-the-night before tact

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Mr. Strawspiitter urged that it useless trying to blink the fac cook the figures.

His client preferred honesty t timism. The truth, though glo must prevail. The ship of B trade was becalmed, and no could be gained by pretending it was forging ahead in a favo breeze.

"IF the ship is becalmed," said Justice Bull, "surely what w want is a gale of optimism (as di from a 'gale of wind') which enable it to round Cape Depre It is really time that Ministers c 'Whoa' to woe. Mr. Sidney W who is a whale for figures, doe share Sir Philip's gloomy views is convinced that the present de sion is temporary and that country is not played out.'

"Nobody wishes to shirk fact what is to be gained by sitting and intoning, 'Come, let us sorrowful'? Such a very d Philip is scarcely the fillip to t we are looking for. His app anxiety to arrange a wake before calling in the doctor points to s peculiar mental condition that better adjourn the case so that accused may be medically exa with a view to ascertaining wh the melancholia from which he s is incurable."

Cartoonettes and Topical Jingles

by FRANK HOLLAND

Tho' in this sort of warlike sport
You never know what's coming,
One can foretell that for a spell
The bees will "keep things humming."

This method seems—like other schemes—
A way of bolstering trade up,
But Baldwin's sound in 'looking round'
Before his mind is made up.

Those folks who're wise at reading eyes
And understand the science,
We've heard declare that soon this pair
Will make a "New Alliance."

These problems vast for ages past
Our "Heads" have been "exp
Yet all we hear from year to year
Is one eternal snoring.

Jews I Condemn

THERE are many people being almost crushed out of existence by extortionate moneylenders; others commit suicide. Circumstances arise, however, when financial assistance is imperative, and means to meet such need should be provided

by RABBI ISRAEL MATTUCK

HAKESPEARE and the Bible disagree about the Jewish attitude to money-lending. The Bible, a Jewish book showing in its best part the permanent l ideals and social standards of the Jews, emns moneylending. Shakespeare, on the r hand, makes the only Jew among his leading acters a moneylender. And Shylock is un-tedly responsible for the belief of some people all Jews are moneylenders and all money-ers Jews.

at attitude was largely responsible for the that at one time the Jews best known to Jews were moneylenders, lending money to and princes. Those, however, who sought larger life outside the ghetto, engaged largely aling in money or jewels, for two reasons. ly, they were not allowed to trade in much ; they could not, for example, own property. reover, they were in constant danger of pulsion; they could call no place their home; day might bring an order of exile. Those had any wealth, therefore, kept it in a able form. The Jew traded in money because as not allowed to trade in other things, and use money could be carried into exile. A way of planning life! He was sometimes a ylender; not, however, from choice, but ugh oppression!

loyal to religion

hen the world judges the Jew, in what it emns it may find a judgment on itself. Is it nder that, being driven off the highways of he moved along the lanes and by-ways? marvel is that, despite all attempts to make Jews into social pariahs, they have as a le maintained their human self-respect and loyalty to the best standards of social lity. For that we Jews are deeply thankful. have indulged in this little bit of history to that the view which associates Jews closely moneylending is largely a survival, and there are any Jews at all in moneylending. e of the most notorious moneylenders are ; but though, being a Jewish minister, I know Jews, I know very few who are moneylenders. t even those few are by that many too many. tever be the number of Jewish moneylenders, nt it reduced to zero. I condemn the Jew is a moneylender because he is disloyal to religion. The Jewish religion forbids money-ing. The Bible clearly prohibits usury, and Judaism amplified and emphasised that ibition.

essity gives ortunity

e reason is plain because it means taking ntage of another's weakness. The Jewish l ideal is to help the weak. "If thy brother axen poor, and his hand fail with thee; then shalt uphold him. Take thou no usury of or increase; but fear thy God: that thy her may live with thee."

this commandment lies the beginning of the record of the Jews in charity. Charity and eylending are direct opposites. The good Jew to give to the poor, he cannot take from them. t all moneylenders are alike. Some are not ad as others. I have even known a money-er who could almost be called good.

had a factory employing a fairly large ber of young women. The young women entrusted him with their savings in return for 12 per cent. per annum; he lent the money to small tradespeople whom he knew for short periods without security at the rate of 24 per cent. per annum. He took from the poor to give to the poor, keeping a little for the rich—himself! Compared to some moneylenders, he was a philanthropist.

Dodges of moneylenders

I am sometimes asked what is the difference between banking and moneylending? The difference in the rate of interest is enough of a distinction. Moneylenders say they must receive 60 per cent. to conduct a profitable business; bankers are satisfied with 5 per cent. The moneylender wants his money repaid in twenty months; the banker gets it back in twenty years!

But few moneylenders are satisfied with such a meagre return as 60 per cent. By the various dodges that some of them adopt for giving much less than the written documents show, their profits in terms of per cent. sound like the very dreams of avarice. What this high rate of interest means is illustrated by the following case of which a friend told me.

He found that one of his employés was still paying interest on a loan he got from a moneylender about twenty years ago. The amount of the original loan was £3; the man paid 5s. a week. In twenty years he must have paid about £260, and at the end of that time he still owed the £3 and still had to continue the interest payments. There are, undoubtedly, other cases like it; endless payments bringing no relief!

The moneylender can get extortionate interest because his victim cannot help himself, he is too weak. The exploitation of weakness which is the essence of moneylending, the quality which makes it profitable, differentiates it from banking. By its very nature moneylending draws profit from another's weakness.

Spider and fly

Whether the borrower is the foolish son of a rich father who sells the future for present extravagance, or just an ordinary fool who, like the fly in the fable which entered the spider's parlour, is misled by fair words, or an unfortunate one who through illness has been reduced to an urgent need which he would at all costs keep from his friends, all alike are weak, though in different ways.

Some call for deepest sympathy, others deserve only scorn. But in all cases there is a weakness, and the moneylender uses that weakness for his gain. It is morally wrong to take advantage even of the vicious folly of a rich man's son!

This preying on weakness differentiates moneylending from banking. The banker supports the strong, the moneylender plunders the weak. The former is business—only philanthropy supports the weak—the latter is crime.

I shall never forget the harassed look with which a professional man once came to me, asking for help. Through illness in his family he had got into the hands of the moneylenders; through his own illness he had been prevented for some time from doing his work; he could not maintain his payments to them. They threatened him with legal proceedings, and he was tortured by the fear of what this would mean in shame and loss of work.

Rabbi Israel Mattuck, the eminent leader of the Jewish Faith

The moneylenders use that fear as their weapon. The agony in that man's face will always be to me the measure of the iniquity in the moneylender's business.

Moneylending thrives on the thriftless, it feeds on folly, it fattens on others' misfortune. When to its essentially unsocial character it adds, as often it does, dishonest methods, it comes, I think, very near perfection in social iniquity. Judaism condemns it by specific laws; it is opposed to all the social ideals and moral standards for which Judaism stands. No good Jew can be a moneylender.

Friends to be saved from

An institution often found in Jewish communities shows the way to get rid of the moneylenders. Laws will, I am afraid, help us but little to this aim. The dupe often thinks the moneylender his friend, and between friends what does the law matter?

It should, however, be unnecessary for the poor and unfortunate to resort to the moneylender. In Jewish communities there was often, almost always, a society which lent money without interest; it was considered the best form of philanthropy. Those who resorted to this society did not feel themselves damaged in their self-respect. It was a business transaction.

The best way to get rid of the moneylender is to establish social agencies that will lend to those who are now his victims through misfortune. As for the others, no social agencies can help. Where there is folly, iniquity will seek it out for profit. Laws may help in keeping iniquity from finding folly; but when they meet they constitute an evil hard to overcome.

The true principle

But I believe we can, and should, keep the unfortunate from the necessity of resorting to the moneylender. Here there is need for a development in social service—agencies that will lend money in temporary need through misfortune—on the fundamental principle of social morality: "that thy brother may live with thee."

Israel Mattuck

Candid Communications

Outspoken Messages to Celebrities, Notorieties and, occasionally, Nonenties.

To H.R.H. the DUKE OF YORK, K.G., White Lodge, Richmond Park.

YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,—May I respectfully express my great satisfaction at the interest you are taking in the provision of more playing-fields for our crowded urban populations. It is not surprising that the plight of city dwellers, shut out from light and air, and hindered from the enjoyment of outdoor games, should have appealed to your generous sympathies; and I am happy to know that the impetus of your favour has been given to a movement so closely bound up with the health and happiness of the people.

JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. WINSTON CHURCHILL, M.P., Chancellor of the Exchequer.

DEAR SIR,—I am glad you have pointed out that the country's prospect is not all black, but only a bit mottled in places. I myself have so often said the same thing that the wonder is there are pessimists left to uphold the contrary. But when you go on to divide the whole of the Parliamentary Opposition into "wreckers, rattlers, rock-the-boats, quacks and cocksures," I part company. Sweeping ridicule may raise a laugh, but there are good men in all Parties, and your generalisations are against the co-operation and good will I look for. JOHN BULL.

To the Right Hon. L. C. AMERY, M.P., Colonial Secretary.

SIR,—Away back in the 'seventies, Lord Beaconsfield told the Conservative Party that Protection was "dead and damned." Because Mr. Joseph Chamberlain did not believe this plain truth in 1906 he led his Party to the most smashing political defeat it ever suffered. For a time it seemed that wisdom and experience had triumphed, until in 1923 Mr. Stanley Baldwin raised the same issue to meet a like fate. You now have the hardihood to declare yourself an unrepentant Protectionist and to urge your leaders to repeat the blunders of the past. Not that your views matter very much; but such political stupidity tires me. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. STANLEY BALDWIN, M.P., 10, Downing Street, S.W.

DEAR PRIME MINISTER,—When your predecessor, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, was in office his anxiety to act according to precedent led him to fill even the ornamental offices at his disposal. The Radical Group now wishes to apply the axe. Apart from Party politics, I trust you will give the proposal consideration. The times are distressful. Fancy posts, carrying large salaries for nominal duties, must be abolished. I need not particularise. There is a long list. Cut it. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. Lord EUSTACE PERCY, M.P., Minister of Education.

DEAR SIR,—I am amazed that no women have, as yet, been appointed to the committee which is to enquire into education in relation to trade requirements. There are, roughly, 32,000 unemployed girls, as well as 36,000 unemployed boys. Moreover, it is the mothers who are keenest on their children being able "to enter into and retain suitable employment," and their advice is badly needed. See that your committee gets the benefit of it. JOHN BULL.

To the Rt. Hon. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, M.P., Minister of Health.

SIR,—It is not pleasant to learn that there are a large number of women in workhouses up and down the country whose labour is being exploited by the Poor Law authorities without wages of any kind. It seems that these unhappy drudges belong mostly to the feeble-minded class, but many of them are highly skilled in manual occupations, and the product of their labour commands its market price. Why they should not be credited with their earnings by some equitable plan, with a proper deduction for their maintenance, is not at all clear; and the fact that some of the victims are certified lunatics makes the case no better. Please look into the matter. JOHN BULL.

To Sir HUGO HIRST, Bart., Chairman, General Electric Co., Ltd.

DEAR SIR,—You consider it sound business study not only working conditions inside offices and shops, but also to pay attention to happy conditions and recreations for workers outside. Hundreds of thousands have been spent by your company in this way and you look neither for thanks nor gratitude, receiving your reward in the smiles of happy faces around you. In stating the truth that welfare work is a paying proposition you have been frank and honest. Industrial unrest might cease if we had more business leaders of your sort. JOHN BULL.

To Maj.-Gen. Sir R. HUTCHISON, K.C.M.G., M.P., The Manor, Davies St., W.

DEAR SIR ROBERT,—I see that you are beginning to get nervous because you think that at any moment the Liberal Party in the House of Commons may be called upon to replace Mr. Baldwin's Government. Forgive me if I say that I don't see a sign of it on the farthest rim of the horizon; but perhaps you possess the gift of political second sight, and can see possibilities which elude the common gaze. Personally I should be inclined to describe you as the world's prize optimist. JOHN BULL.

H. T. WADDY, Esq., Tower Bridge Police Court.

SIR,—It is largely as a result of your humane advocacy that a Bill is shortly to be introduced which will give the Home Secretary power to appoint "probation officers" to every court in the country. Thus a long-standing abuse will be remedied, and magistrates everywhere robbed of their last excuse for merciless severity towards the crimes of youth. The history of your own court affords the most ample proof that mercy is the truest justice. JOHN BULL.

To Dr. H. de CARL WOODCOCK, F.R.C.P., Park Square, Leeds.

SIR,—In a speech at the Leeds Young Men's Luncheon Club you declared that the only way to prevent war and ensure the success of the League of Nations was for the English-speaking race to combine and arm themselves thoroughly. Then, by the power of their arms, they could make the league a working tribunal. The only thing wrong with your diagnosis is that you do not seem to have grasped the idea of the League of Nations at all. JOHN BULL.

A GOOD SUGGESTION

Straight from the Shoulder

LORD GREY OF FALLODEN:—"Another war would destroy European civilisation past possible hope of recovery."

A statement that should be branded on every lip whose words are inimical to peace.

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MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD:—"We must put education into our houses."

Providing we can get houses into which we can put anything at all.

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LORD ASTOR:—"The task of British representatives to the League of Nations would be easier if public opinion had been educated."

The best educator will be a League of Nations showing its ability to do something.

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DR. HAROLD WALKER:—"Many cases of malpractice are handled in a disgraceful way."

If doctors would, they could secure the higher standard of mid-wives.

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DUKE OF SUTHERLAND:—"It is suicidal of the workers to insist that there shall be no reduction of wages."

Good taste suggests that dukes might leave such points uncovered.

Without Fear or Favour

FOOD POISONERS' NEW PLOT

Asking for Trouble

THE country is once again trembling on the brink of a complete break with Russia, and a renewal of active hostilities is not far away.

In our opinion, Russia is absorbing far too much of the time and attention of both the Government and the people. It is time the whole question was brought to a definite issue.

We do not say the Home Secretary is right in his estimates of the quantity or quality of the Communist influence in Great Britain, but we do say that he is entirely right in his announced intention to stop even the possibility of that influence becoming active.

The colossal folly of the Russian Government, and its extraordinary ignorance of the true opinions and desires of the great mass of British working men, are facts plain to everyone but the Soviet.

The moment has arrived for confronting the fool with his folly. The Russian Government should be warned that, unless it stops underhand Bolshevik propaganda, not only in this country, but throughout the British Empire, it will be made to rue its folly.

It should be informed with equal emphasis that if Russia will only behave herself as a civilised State, and respect the decencies of international life, she will be invited to join the League of Nations and be treated on terms of equality with the Western Powers.

Britain's present relations with Russia are based on the Trade Agreement that was signed in March, 1921. In all parts of the world the Soviet is openly violating the clause that bound it to refrain from any form of hostile action against British interests.

Britain's attitude to Russia depends entirely on Russia's attitude to Britain. It is for Russia to choose, for the present situation has become impossible.

Rubbish Rebuked

WE have not always agreed with Mr. J. H. Thomas, but we endorse entirely the blunt common-sense with which he met the extremists' demand at the N.U.R. conference for an impossible rate of unemployment pay.

The "dole" is not, and never can be, a solution in any sense of the term, and to demand, as these hot-heads did, that unemployed men should be paid more than those who are working is to make one despair of the common-sense of a section of the trade union movement.

Why, as Mr. Thomas said, should anyone work at all under these conditions?

There is nowhere any lack of sympathy with the unemployed. There is, however, a grave suspicion that thousands are living on the "dole" who have no right to it and who prefer idleness to work.

The Labour Party is on extremely weak ground when it objects to a possible revision of cases such as these.

It is manifestly absurd to talk of infringing a "right" where no right has ever existed.

No Quarter for the Fakers

BEHIND the scenes the poisoners of the nation's food are making desperate efforts to avert their well-deserved fate. Mr. Neville Chamberlain has the country behind him if he stands firm

IT is fervently to be hoped that Mr. Neville Chamberlain is not being won over by the food-poisoners. The regulations, abolishing at one stroke the greater portion of their infamous traffic in human lives and health, were due for publication at the beginning of this month. They have been deferred for further consideration.

There is reason to believe this means that concessions are to be made to the squealing profiteers who daily expose thousands of British citizens to the risk of poisoning and serious internal disease through the use of chemical food preservatives.

Time and again JOHN BULL implored Mr. Chamberlain and his predecessors to abolish chemical preservatives altogether. In our columns Sir Kingsley Wood, who is now Mr. Chamberlain's second-in-command, demanded unadulterated pickles, vegetables, meat, bread, milk, bacon, butter, margarine, cream, beer, wines, mineral waters—in fact, everything in the average man's daily menu. We made it plain that our demands for purity had to be met, for the nation was being dangerously defrauded of its prime necessity of wholesome food.

Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health

The Minister of Health, in the draft regulations now on the table of the House of Commons, acknowledges the justice of our plea. He proposes to abolish chemical preservatives in all articles of food, with a few specified exceptions. In these special cases, the amount of preservative allowed to be employed was to be rigidly delimited, and the purchaser was to be informed, on the label, of the amount and nature of the preservatives used. With these draft regulations we had no quarrel. They went further than even the drastic food laws of the U.S.A.

THE regulations rang the knell of the food-faking trade. The simple formula: "This food contains — per cent. sulphur dioxide" killed food-faking in America. The public turned as one man to the established firms, which had refused to use chemicals and relied on the pure old-fashioned preservatives—vinegar, sugar, salt and spices—and these reaped the benefit of their former integrity.

It is that fate which our squealers are dreading. And they think they have escaped it. They say they have persuaded Mr. Chamberlain to let them off with the worthless declaration that "This food is preserved!"

Worse than this. Mr. Chamberlain is "still considering," and the food-fakers are holding up their heads again.

Stand firm, Mr. Chamberlain! Don't wobble! Let the squealers squeal! Without their poisons they will be forced to give way to prouder competitors, too honest to deal in diseased and decaying meat, fish offal, and vegetable garbage. There must be no quarter for the poison-profiteer. The nation will not stand it.

WE are not here asking the Minister of Health to reduce food prices—that is not within his province—and we believe that even yet the Government will adopt stringent measures for bringing the profiteer to heel.

However, there is no excuse for giving way on the question of food quality. Man gets but little here below, but he wants that little *pure*. If the new regulations, when they are issued, are different from the draft which we know is now before the Minister then, on behalf of the public whose interests we represent, we shall not hesitate to allocate the blame for another Government betrayal.

Mock Politics

THERE is a great danger that the events of the moment may not merely bring this Parliament into disrepute but will also force the Man in the Street to despair of political weapons. The Government majority is so unwieldy that it is able to be worked on the "shift" system; a let-the-problem-solve-itself attitude is the popular mental pose, while childish tricks and petulant obstinacy are a stock-in-trade of an Opposition that imagines opposition to mean obstruction.

We warn politicians on all sides that they are playing with fire. Inactivity on one side and political manœuvring on the other will create despair and revolt in the public mind.

While Britain burns politicians twiddle their thumbs. What this country is in need of is *government*, and what the Government needs is strong, clean-cut leadership.

The Official Opposition is tiring the patience of the country. It makes no pretence of helping but openly boasts of its policy of hindering. What are all-night sessions but evidence of senseless obstructionism?

All that the average Parliamenteer seems capable of is to be convulsed when some buffoon sticks some other buffoon's small hat upon his swollen head in order to "address the Chair." If this play-acting is part of parliamentary procedure, then all we can say is that the sooner Parliament ceases to be a kindergarten the better.

We insist on better representation at Westminster. Instead of bickering and badgering, our governors must govern. The House of Commons should certainly be no whit less efficient than a board meeting of any well-established business house.

The Party Leaders must pull their respective teams together. If they do not the result may be disastrous for the country, but certainly for the Party Leaders.

A Welcome Bill

THOUSANDS of nervous people will welcome the Bill that Lieut.-Col. Fremantle, M.P., is promoting for the prevention of premature burial.

No doubt, even as things are, the risk of premature burial is a slight one, but the bare possibility of being buried alive is a thought terrible enough to disturb the most well-balanced mind.

The kind of death certificate which is at present held to be good enough for the final disposal of a human creature is a disgrace to civilisation.

Incredible though it may sound, it is perfectly legal for the doctor who has been attending a patient to accept the word of a relative that the patient has died, and to give a certificate accordingly.

And he can do this without seeing or examining the body to assure himself that life is really extinct.

It is monstrous that such amazing laxity should have been permitted to exist so long. We congratulate Lieut.-Col. Fremantle on his determination to end it.

War To The Death!

THERE are those who are alarmed at the decreasing number of births. But we do not want a surplus population, weak and anæmic. What is needed is a strong and virile nation, and the authorities must see that proper methods are adopted to ensure that we get it

by A. G. GARDINER

Sir George Newman, K.C.B., Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health, whose Report is dealt with here.

WERE you to want to know which was the best-managed, happiest and most efficient country in the world, what test would you apply? Not the gold standard, or the rate of exchange, or the number of ships, or even the savings banks' returns. Probably the best test would be health. If you have a healthy people, you have a prosperous people, an efficient people, and a happy people—for happiness may be defined as the absence of pain.

It is for this reason that I always look out for Sir George Newman's annual report on the health of the nation to see how we are getting on in fighting the thousand-and-one enemies which infest or envelope us in the shape of disease. Personally, I find it a cheerful as well as an entertaining document. This year's report of the Chief Medical Officer of Health is unusually so.

I call it cheerful because it seems to me like a field-marshal's report from the battle front where an unceasing but beneficent war is going on, and where the news is always of new victories. The worst and most costly of all forms of waste is waste of life.

An astonishing achievement

Control birth as much as you like, but when people are born it is of the highest importance that they should live, thrive and be healthy. Every mentally and physically healthy citizen is an asset to the State; every unhealthy citizen is a burden to the State which the rest of us have to carry. Birth that only results in premature death is sheer waste.

Now I do not think it can be doubted that in this great matter this country has done and is doing extraordinarily well. Apply one elementary test—that of infant mortality. In 1900, of every thousand children born in England and Wales, 154 died in their first year. Last year only seventy-five died, the lowest rate on record except that of the previous year, when the number of deaths was down to sixty-nine. That seems to me an astonishing achievement.

It is accompanied by another fact less remarkable but still gratifying. In the same period the mortality among mothers in child-birth has diminished from 4.81 per 1,000 births to 3.70—that is to say, the maternity death rate has been reduced in twenty-four years by something approaching a quarter.

Criminal carelessness

What is the cause of this remarkable and continuous victory over the common enemy? It is undoubtedly the increasing care we are giving to the public health. In the old haphazard days, when Sairey Gamp sat toping and snoring by the bedside, neither mother nor child had a fair chance. Ignorance was in command, and death was a common penalty. Now mother and child alike fight a winning battle.

Not only is midwifery now a highly developed and efficient science, but the establishment of maternity homes under the inspection of the Ministry secures to every difficult case the best conditions and most expert service. Even among normal patients the chances of pulling through and of better restoration to normal health are greatly increased by the maternity home.

But the improved conditions of childbirth are only one aspect of the matter. Undoubtedly much of the mortality is due to ante-natal carelessness and ignorance. This is being countered by the ante-natal supervision and advice given by the maternity and child welfare societies. Much has been done in this matter, but much more ought to be done.

A field for women doctors

It is obvious that many perils in child-birth would be avoided if the facts in exceptional or troublesome cases were known beforehand; but the idea is new, and the patient herself often resents examination which might save her life or the life of her child.

In this direction there seems a great field for the increasing employment of women doctors who are peculiarly fitted for such service. There are in all 641 centres at which ante-natal work is carried out, half of them in London, but we have only touched the fringe of this life-saving work.

It is not, however, enough to save the child—or the mother—at birth. Even more important is the work of establishing the infant in health during those critical months when its physical foundations are being laid. It is here that we touch the real secret of that amazing reduction in infantile mortality from 154 per 1,000 to 75 per 1,000 in the course of twenty-five years.

But the reduction of the death rate is chiefly valuable as a barometer of something else. It means that the general standard of health among the living is enormously higher than what it used to be. Children who used to die, live, and those who live have a much higher standard of physical condition.

This is due to the widespread knowledge as to the rearing and training of children which flows from the maternity welfare centres, where mothers can go with their offspring, have them weighed and supervised, their ailments nipped in the bud and the seeds of weakness and debility killed.

There are at present 2,122 of these centres at work in London and in the country, but there are not nearly enough to go round. Such agencies ought to be within the reach of mothers in every part of the country, and the practice of using them in order to watch and promote the development of the children should be universal.

A thrilling campaign

There is one conspicuous weakness in the present system. The supervision of the welfare centres should not end at infancy. Vast numbers of children when they go to school are found to be suffering from maladies which might have been cured if the children had previously been under systematic observation.

This, again, means future waste to the community as well as misery to the individual, and I hope that before the next report appears there will be evidence of efficient measures having been taken to deal with this aspect of child welfare.

I had intended to touch on other aspects of this organised warfare against disease and death in all their forms (the improvement of the milk supply, the suppression of adulteration and preservatives in food and so on), but I must close. I hope I have said enough to show what a thrilling campaign this is that is being fought for the life and the health of the nation.

Slaves

Poor people, through lack of knowledge, bring children into the world whose only prospect is lifelong poverty and misery

THE wife of an unemployed mechanic at Barry Dock gave birth the other day to four children. There are four other children in the family, the eldest a girl aged eight. Think what this means. The man draws 18s. a week unemployment benefit, plus 5s. for his wife, and 16s. for his eight children. That is a total income of 39s. a week to lodge, feed, and clothe ten human beings.

Dr. Marie Stopes, the foremost advocate of Birth Control.

As rents are high, the family presumably occupy only one or two rooms. In this space the harassed mother must provide sleeping room for her brood as well as for herself and her husband; she must wash and dress them in it, prepare such meals as they can afford, launder for ten people, including four babies, patch their clothes, nurse those that fall sick, and try to provide some comfort and peace for her man when he returns, tired and depressed, from his daily search for work.

She has to scheme and plan and count her scanty pence to make them supply the fullest possible means of health and strength for the everlastingly hungry children. And she has four babies to tend, to soothe, to take care of when they are attacked by infantile ailments. How does she do it?

The worry and trouble caused to well-to-do parents by a crying child in the night is a hackneyed jest of the professional humorist: the jest—if they ever see the comic papers—must sometimes pall upon the father and mother who have to snatch their nightly rest in a room shared with eight children, including four little babies.

HOW do the children ever manage to survive? At the annual conference of the Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis last week a famous doctor from the University of Vienna oracularly declared that "it was necessary to educate the population into selecting the best room as the chief living-room of the family, and to ensure the admission of plenty of fresh air." Let us hope, without feeling immoderately sanguine, that this precious counsel may duly impress the wife of the unemployed mechanic at Barry Dock and all the mothers who have to bring up large families on the "dole."

The advice is not needed by the well-to-do

The Whitehall Bilkers

THERE are hundreds of maimed and wounded men who are still denied adequate help by officials at the War Office. These officials claim to be acting in the interests of the public. Let them know that we are disgusted with this treatment. It must be ended once for all

by "A GENTLEMAN WITH A DUSTER"

IF you were to ask any man of any class in any part of the British Isles whether the Government ought to be generous or niggardly towards those who were wounded in the Great War, you would certainly receive only one answer.

How is it, then, if the universal wish of our people is that wounded soldiers should be treated by the State with generosity, that the Army Council can behave as if the whole weight of public opinion were on the side of an extreme and cheeseparing meanness?

This question raises the whole matter of government. The Government should be the good citizen in his corporate capacity. It is not a thing, like a machine, but a person, and a good person. No other Government is worth talking about.

Treated as badging tramps

The only administration of State business which deserves to function without disturbance or interruption is that which represents the wishes of the best citizens in the State. Establish that Government, and you may employ your police or your soldiery to enforce law and stamp our revolution; and you may even justifiably use the strong hand of prevention to strangle the wicked throat of sedition.

But unless your Government represents the wishes of the best citizens in the country, unless it is moral, intelligent and beneficent, sedition, violence and anarchy are bound to interrupt the peaceful evolution of the State.

Now, let us return to the wounded soldier. If we go to Captain C. Burgess, who is described as "the military—legal expert," and ask him how *our* Government has treated *our* wounded soldiers, we shall be told that it has treated many of them no better than a miserly householder treats a verminous and dishonest tramp cadging at his backdoor for a crust of bread.

We shall be told that honourable men, who fought for us, and who suffered dreadful things in our behalf, are treated, not merely with injustice, but with the grossest inhumanity and the most detestable form of official brutality, by those very servants of the State who are supposed to represent your views and my views in their handling of our wounded men.

Officialdom at its worst

Captain Burgess says that he can give "examples by the hundred in which officers have had two or three operations, have received hospital treatment for six, nine and twelve months . . . and yet have been *bilked* by the War Office to the tune of £250."

He gives instances, terrible instances, of men frightfully wounded in the war, who were refused any recompense for their wounds until pressure of a persistent and affrighting nature was brought to bear on the officials of the War Office. "Ex-officers," he says, "even the most experienced of them, and many are members of the legal profession, are helpless at the hands of the skilled War Office administration."

What a picture this conjures up! On one side of the door a miserable and woe-begone crippled soldier, humbly beseeching the nation for justice, and, on the other, a well-fed and well-paid official, rubbing his hands over his brilliant astuteness in proving by a quibble that the man in the gutter had no right to be anywhere else. "Bilked" is an ugly word. But Captain Burgess does not scruple to make use of that ugly word in describing the treatment by the War Office of men who served the nation in Armageddon and came out from that dreadful furnace shattered in mind and body.

Rt. Hon. Sir L. Worthington Evans, G.B.E., Secretary of State for War, whose department is here criticised

If you and I are not bilkers, how is it that those who represent us are able to regard bilking as a part of their duty? Is it not time that we paid a little attention to what is being done, in our name, by our paid servants? Be sure of this, democracy is a form of government which implies the conscientious interest of every citizen in the acts of its officials.

Do not let us make a mistake in this matter of our wounded soldiers. No European country has been anything like so generous to its fighting men as our country. We have behaved towards those who saved us from destruction, and also towards the widows and orphans of those who died for us, with a generosity which is the amazement of other nations. In this matter we can hold up our heads and look the whole world in the face. Our record is nothing short of magnificent.

Grotesque, "Gratitude"

But there are some men we cannot look in the face, a few hundreds of men who, for some miserable reason, the officials of the War Office, or the officials of the Pensions Ministry, have treated with the most atrocious inhumanity; and until we get these cases put right, all our splendid generosity to our fighting men will be clouded over with doubt and suspicion.

We are in the grotesque position of spoiling the ship for a ha'porth of tar. Who are the gentlemen who put us in this grotesque position? You and I have done our level best to show our gratitude to our fighting soldiers and sailors; we have set up vast new establishments in the State to see to it that our wish in this matter—namely, that no man who suffered for us should be treated with meanness and ingratitude—is carried out.

But a handful of officials in these expensive new establishments, whose salaries are paid out of our taxation, seem to be labouring under the delusion that they are pleasing us, and justifying their salaries, by penalising a few hundreds of men who were most terribly mutilated in the war, but whose sufferings can be jammed into some contemptible category which entitles Bumble to treat them like dishonest vagrants and to drive them from the door of the nation's gratitude.

Our betters and our debtors

Let us tell these gentlemen that, however useful they may be to us at their office-tables in Whitehall, we have no such feeling of gratitude towards them as fills our hearts whenever we contemplate the very least of those who suffered for us in the hell of the Great War.

It is our wish that no man whose wounds have crippled him in earning his daily bread should stand any longer as a timorous suppliant at our door; but rather that officials should go to such a man hat in hand, and beg him to accept the gratuities which Parliament has declared to be his just and righteous due.

It is nearly seven years since the war came to an end, and we wish to hear no longer that there is any vulgarising and besmirching scandal attaching to our treatment of those who fought to save our honour as well as our lives.

the Slums

by ALEX. M. THOMPSON ("Dangle")

hey are guided by admirable rules laid down om time immemorial for their instruction. set of these, prepared by the late Mrs. W. E. ladstone, wife of the famous statesman, lies efore me as I write. "A room 15 ft. square and ft. high," she suggested, "affords ample cubic pace for a nurse and two children. Indeed, at a esperate pinch, with good and careful management, nurse, infant, and *two* other young children ave occupied a bedroom of this size without etriment to health."

BUT this lucky escape from the possible effects of overcrowding may have been due to the ortunate fact that "a dressing-room and bathroom ere close at hand; and the fire was always ghted before bedtime in the winter."

Unfortunately, these excellent rules do not quite eem to fit a family of ten, all occupying a room of, erhaps, 12 ft. square and 7 ft. high, overlooking row of ashpits in a slum court, and destitute f either dressing-room or bathroom. It is true hat some of the children brought up under hese conditions do marvellously contrive to live. But in the Hulme district of Manchester, as JOHN BULL stated last week, 192 out of 1,000 babies die, while at Welwyn Garden City none at all have died since it was built two and a half years ago.

Others, with parchment bellies drum-taut for lack of food, grow up anæmic and sickly, a burden to their parents and the community. A third section live only to swell the ranks of the unfit, the wastrels, the unemployables, the alcoholics, and the criminals. The proportion of those that develop into healthy, sturdy, useful men and women must necessarily be small.

TO my mind, the only suggestion that is practical and useful is to teach married people who cannot afford to give children a fair chance the way to avoid bringing them into the world.

I do not hesitate to say in general terms that a man who is out of work has no right to add the lives of eight children in eight years to his burden of responsibility. To breed children without reasonable prospect of feeding, clothing, and housing them is a crime against the children and a crime against the race.

THE guilt lies chiefly with the legislative wisdom which boggles at the plain need for instruction amongst the poor of knowledge which is easily accessible to the well-to-do, and is commonly practised by them. I have come to the conclusion that the Ministry of Health ought to take this matter in hand, so that any married woman who desires can be so instructed.

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AMAZING DEATH-BED DRAMA

THE pain endured by patients in hospital is at times indescribable. Not less hard to endure is the torture of mind suffered by those who watch the flicker of life by the bedside

by PHILIP INMAN

A YOUNG man of twenty-three and his sweetheart—these are the central figures in this amazing narrative. The young fellow is in a London hospital, waiting in that interval before sunset, for he has been sentenced by the doctors to an early death.

His girl, rebellious against the verdict, sits by his bedside. She declares that in spite of everything he shall not die. Out of the jaws of death she is going to snatch him back to life and to love. Thus is summarised a thrilling drama the like of which has never been paralleled in the whole of my experience. Let me tell the story in detail.

Waiting while the surgeon works

It opens a month ago when the man was admitted to the hospital in a critical condition. After examination it was decided to operate on him immediately, and it was then discovered what a serious state he was in. His stomach was eaten away by disease and when he was opened out his inside resembled a rubbish-heap.

The surgeon, one of our most brilliant exponents of the knife, set to work on his job. For over an hour he used every artifice known to medical science. He had to deal with vital organs which required the most skilful handling and delicate care. The slightest slip and the man would have died on the operating-table. After it was over, the surgeon's opinion was that if the patient recovered it would be his miracle case.

Outside the operating theatre there was being enacted a scene of tragic poignancy. Pacing up and down the corridor was the patient's fiancé. Like a captured bird in a cage, her condition was pitiful to behold. When the trolley containing the still and silent form returned to the ward she walked behind. She looked for all the world like a mourner following a beloved one to its last resting-place.

A sacred silence

An hour afterwards the patient became worse. His pulse gradually weakened, and it was felt that the end was not far off. Tenderly and sympathetically the surgeon broke the news to the waiting girl that there was very little hope of any recovery. The scene which followed was vivid and tense. The girl fell on her knees and pleaded with the doctor to save him. In a voice of terrible anguish she cried, "He has no one in the world but me; his father and mother are both dead, and I don't want to live without him."

Quietly she was induced to leave the ward and to rest in one of the rooms downstairs for a time. After the storm had spent itself she commenced to talk. It was heartbreaking to listen to her telling of the "what might have been." She said that her boy had just received an important appointment abroad and that they were to have been married before he sailed next month. Then, as though she realised all that the tragic tidings meant, she asked to be taken back to him.

All through that night she remained by his bedside. When he recovered consciousness she greeted him with a smile. It was expected that the testing-time would come at daybreak, but he weathered the crisis and was alive when the doctor went his rounds in the morning.

Whilst he was being examined the girl left the ward, and, in a voice which sounded far away, he asked, "I feel I am going under, but does she know?" He was told that the operation had been a serious one and that everything possible was being done for him. Not seeming satisfied with this reply he was repeating the question when his fiancé returned. She was carrying a bunch of red roses, and as she approached the bed she took one out and handed it to him.

There was no need for any explanation. A tear in her eye and a lump in his throat revealed only too well the depth of their emotions. She knelt on the floor by his side and placed her hand on his fevered brow. A screen was placed round the bed and what passed between them during the next few minutes is sacred to those two alone.

A remarkable fact which has never been adequately explained is why those who are on the brink of the unknown are often given added strength. During the morning the patient rallied considerably. He wanted to be propped up and asked for some paper and a pencil. He had some letters to write, he said. An effort was made to dissuade him from his purpose, but he pleaded in such a way that ultimately his request was granted. He wrote three notes, one of which by permission I reproduce here.

Fighting to the end

"Now that I know the worst I feel that I must say thank you before I go for all that you have done for me. The nurses have been splendid and the doctors I cannot praise enough. It is not their fault I have to go—but just fate. I don't want to kick, but it seems pretty hard when everything seemed so bright. I am only young, with decent prospects, and with the best girl in the world—but it is no use fighting against what has to be. . . . There is one thing about it all, I shall meet my mother again, but, my God, I shall miss my girl! . . ."

I make no comment on this letter, it would be sacrilege to do so.

Now comes the most astounding part of my story. In the early evening I was summoned to the ward. I expected to hear that the patient had passed away. I was just wondering what I could say to the girl who was left behind. I have often felt that words sound so cold and empty at such a time, and it is always hard to know what one can do. I met the doctor coming out. The patient was still alive, although his pulse was very irregular and occasionally it was missing a beat.

I stood for a moment and watched the scene. It will always remain an indelible memory. He looked like a living corpse. My eyes must have betrayed my fears, for in a voice of quivering emotion the girl cried out, "He will not die; I am sure he is going to live." Thinking that her nerves had become overwrought by the strain she was urged to rest a while, but she refused. "He needs me," was her answer, "and I shall not fail him."

So the days passed. Days of ups and downs, of ebbs and flows. Still the patient lived, and still the girl retained her supreme confidence in the certainty of his recovery. After a week the surgeon's opinion was, "He is making a wonderful fight for it."

Mr. Philip Inman, Superintendent of the Charing Cross Hospital.

A miracle happens

Every time I walked through that ward my eyes turned in the direction of No. 9. Every time, day or night, I saw the girl keeping her vigil by his bedside. In his hours of consciousness she talked quietly to him. When he slept she kept an unceasing watch over him. Her staying power was amazing. With the exception of a few minutes which she snatched to gulp down a little food, she never left the ward.

Let me tell of the patient himself. He was fighting and fighting hard. His pain at times must have been excruciating, his discomfort intense. Yet he never complained. Face to face with the unknown he was so calm and courageous that a man I know who had witnessed countless deaths remarked, "He is the bravest dier I have ever known."

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Is the age of miracles over? After what has happened I cannot think so. The prophecy made by that girl has come true. Four weeks have passed since her sweetheart came to us in what seemed to be a hopeless state. Yet he lives and the doctors declare he has made an amazing recovery. "Love is stronger than death," so runs an old aphorism. Here is a concrete illustration of its value.

The danger passed

To-day this man has been conveyed by an ambulance to a convalescent home on the south coast. As I watched him carried down the steps there flashed into my mind the scene of that other day when he emerged from the operating theatre. Now, as then, there followed behind him his girl, but this time upon her face there was a look of indescribable joy.

So I reach the end of this strange story from life. What the ultimate result of it all will be I know not, but I do know that during the past month I have been an eye-witness of one of the most remarkable experiences in human life.

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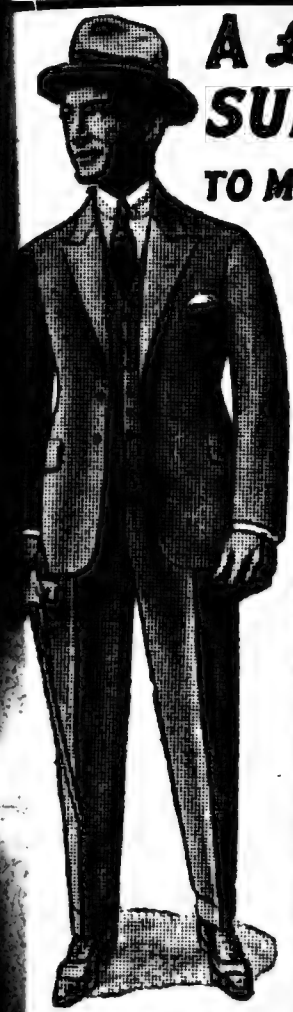

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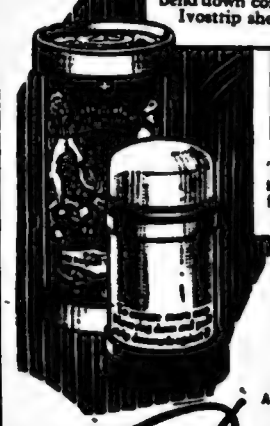

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This idea of winning some great new struggle in the air is becoming so fascinating already to certain types of mind that as things are shaping it is almost inevitable that someone or other, before many years have sped, will make up his mind to plunge us all again into the abyss in order to snatch at a short cut to greater power.

What can we do?

What are we going to do about it? What *can* we do? What instrument can peace-loving men and women forge in order to protect themselves? Even if we made flying illegal, this would give us no absolute security. We should simply be at the mercy, then, of any unscrupulous rulers who like to build up secret aerial fleets.

No, this marvellous power cannot be discarded. We cannot rid ourselves of it now, however much we might want to do so. But is there *no* way in which we can gain security?

In my view there is. But there is only one. For nineteen years I have done nothing but study this one subject of aeronautics. For the past six months I have been engaged upon a special examination of the problems of the war of the future.

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The League of Nations idea is an admirable one. But as it is to-day it is a sort of pious hope. Human nature being what it is, we cannot rely upon the acceptance of a verdict, just though it may be, unless law and order have a means of enforcing that verdict. Hence the necessity for a world's air police, representing authority in an irresistible form.

Scotching the air menace

Force must be met by force. The threat of death from the air must be met by a threat of an even greater punishment—this retribution coming also from the air. We can stop air war only by making the penalty for attempting it so heavy, so inevitable, that no one will dare to become aggressors.

Already the world is weighed down again by expenditure upon armaments. Not only must it have armies and navies, but added to its burdens is the cost of aerial machines which are becoming more expensive as they grow larger and more powerful.

At present, so far as this aerial menace is concerned, each nation is like you and I would be if we had no police force in country. Each of us, individually, have the task of arming ourselves a marauders. But what we do is to p a police force which does this pro for us.

What I propose is that the nati the world should, according to status and means, pay an annual as a form of national insurance, f creation and maintenance of one aerial force which will act as the police of the globe, and which, ins any nation or nations begin to trouble, will deal with them sternly interests of world peace.

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Factory-Fodder Youths

Destoy the Soul-destroying "Dole"

by KENNEDY COX *(Warden of the Dockland Settlement)*

IT is a common delusion that youth to-day is "work shy." That is not so, though its "will to work" is rapidly slackening. It is our job to foster—if necessary, to create—that "will to work." How can we do that?

Our trouble starts with the school. The boy leaves with no very clear idea of what he wants to do in the world outside. The other day a newspaper boy came up to me and said, "Oh, Mr. Cox, what wouldn't I give to be a jockey!" He was cut out for that job, but think of the distance between the London Docks and Newmarket or Epsom. How is that big space to be spanned?

Perhaps even his job is more to be envied than the life of hundreds of boys in factories. Once youth feels that it is only part of a machine and that the human touch is lacking, then it fails to "spark back"—the human touch is lacking from that side also.

MORE often than not we hear the trade unions blamed. I am fortunate enough in being the chairman of a board composed equally of trade union secretaries and employers, and the spirit of co-operation which animates that board always fills me with admiration.

Both sides are trying to co-operate to find out the work that youth wants, can do, and can be provided with. Youth certainly does work under decent conditions to-day, but the work itself is soul stifling—the monotony of one semi-automatic movement (in feeding a machine), hour after hour, month after month, never the interest of seeing the completed article; then, again, the nerve wrack of life amidst the crash ofmachinery, which frets the nerves so that lads and girls are all on edge. All this leads to bad work and loss of interest.

The lack of sufficient relaxation in holidays for those in regular work, the existence of too much holidays for those out of work. What problems! *A solution must be found if our national life is to continue.*

WELL, can we not begin by getting closer co-operation between the trade unions and the Government? Can't we persuade the unions to transfer their war chests into productive sources of revenue in their own industries? Can't we get them to buy up big blocks of shares and qualify for directorships, to learn by experience the difficulties of each particular industry? Then they might use their influence to speed up production, to provide fair holidays for the workers and to encourage pride in labour, instead of that growing spirit of contempt.

Can we not persuade the Gover to guarantee certain trades so th prentices (remember, if apprentic not found soon, certain vital ind are bound to die!) can be taken o the work they spoil can be paid f the Government guarantee.

ABOVE all, the "dole" must No man, woman or child need starving in England to-day. Let re given in food, coal, necessities, but cash for no return of work. That flow of cash, a portion of which in many cases goes into the pockets tipster, is bleeding England white.

In the old days the most conte type of Englishman was the "ne well" son of a decent family wh on an unearned allowance and was as the "remittance man"; to-day, unconsciously, we are breeding the type, but from a different class of and multiplied out of all knowledg army of industrial (?) "remittance

If this army increases much what chance has England? Youth honest work to maintain a ho provide reasonable recreation, be guidance, he wants to be kept the mark, but he wants a goal to to, a stake in this country of o share in her national pride and pros

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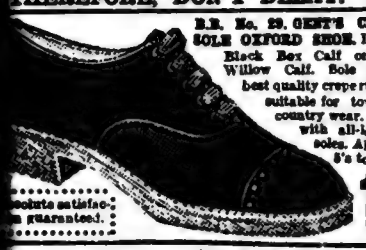

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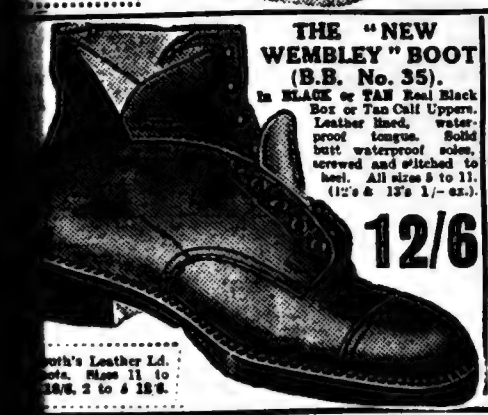

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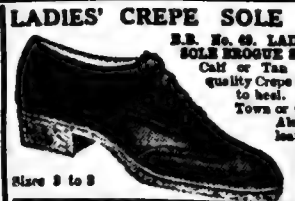

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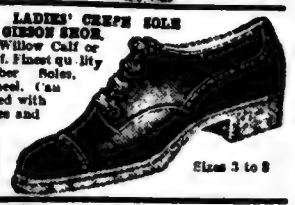

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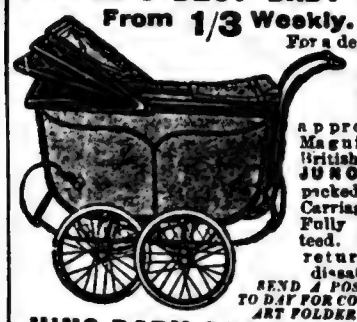

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Where Women are Slaves

by **Mrs. M. E. COUSINS**

SINCE women in this country have obtained a measure of advancement, it is doubly important that they should understand the conditions under which women's lives are lived in countries across the seas, especially those which come under British rule. India is such a country, and if British women are rightly to use their votes, especially in connection with foreign affairs, they must inform themselves of what Indian women are doing.

It is not unusual to think that Indian women are treated like inferiors, but this is far from being the case. Indian women take an active part in the affairs of their own country. Where they have the vote they have it on exactly the same terms as men, and whatever public rights they have they hold on the same terms as men, except where the British Government forbids it.

The philosophy common in India views men and women impartially as incarnations of a sexless spirit. Therefore, whatever women *can* do they *may* do, because most Indians hold that a man in this life may be a woman in the next and *vice versa*.

THERE are more men than women in India and this solves the unemployment question. It is laid upon every woman as a religious duty to get married. In olden days women moved freely in public assemblies and took part in debates, but with the Mohammedan invasion came militaristic outrages, and this led to the custom of *purdah*, or keeping women in veiled seclusion. It is another reminder that constant opposition to militarism is the only way for women in any country who wish to see freedom for themselves and their children.

The most acute problem is that of the widows. A little girl betrothed in babyhood is doomed to be a widow should the boy die, and since she can never become a mother—the chief career of every Indian woman—her lot is very sad. She is deemed an evil influence, a state of things the education of girls will speedily break down.

THEN there is the problem of child prostitution in India. In the brothels of Bengal, a State where there are no votes for women, there are two thousand children all under the age of eleven. It is a Mohammedan stronghold, and in the local Parliament the Mohammedans had a solid block of votes to turn down women's suffrage, though there are individual Mohammedans throughout India who are keen suffragists and supporters of women's advancement.

The inference to be drawn from this brief sketch is clear. Where women are enfranchised they are able to use the vote, and do use it, to improve domestic conditions and the lot of the children. As India is part of the British Empire whatever women do in this country is watched most carefully there.

The recent progress made by Indian women is marvellous. There are Indian women doctors, barristers, chemists, and women on county councils, district councils, and educational committees. In two of the native States women not only vote but sit in the local Parliament. But much teaching is still needed on hygiene and mothercraft subjects.

It will interest women in this country to know that where Indian women in their own country enter the teaching profession they receive higher rates of pay than the men. Great schemes are now going on for compulsory primary education, and women have a battle to wage to see that such schemes must include girls as well as boys. Indian women have quick minds, and are very skilled in many arts.

Mrs. M. E. Cousins, Hon. Magistrate [Madras], Hon. Sec. India Women's Association

WOMEN here are helping Indian women when they demand the franchise on equal terms with men, and women must remember that having the vote is a sacred trust. By the votes of thousands of quiet, home-keeping women in this country women in far-off India may be helped in their progressive movement for full self-expression.

The Woman's Corner

Punished for Virtue

(Problems may be sent to Margaret Donaldson, c/o "John Bull," who will deal with them here)

A POIGNANT story reaches me from a northern industrial town. The writer, a business girl, states her case with appalling frankness.

She works as confidential typist in the offices attached to a large and important factory. She earns a very good salary. "Not only do I keep myself in comfort and have a decent holiday now and again" she writes, "but I can put by something each week for a rainy day.

"Here is my point. I have fallen in love with a young man who is only a factory hand and earns less than I do.

"WE are awfully fond of each other, but do you think we will marry and pinch and scrape on his wages? Not much! To do so would be to take every bit of joy and brightness out of our lives.

"No, I won't give up the economic freedom, the ability to buy new clothes, and the fine relief of constant holidays. Nor will I give up my man. Marriage means two—and perhaps more—living on a wage barely sufficient for one. So we are solving the problem our own way.

"During the week we work at our respective jobs, living as single, but every week-end we go away together and have a jolly good time."

Frankly this story distresses me. I know things are difficult for young people to-day. There is the question of housing, and in many ways the law penalises marriage instead of helping it.

Take the recent case in the High Court where a lady pleaded unsuccessfully against the bitter injustice of a married couple's income being taxed as one, whereas if the same pair were living together in sin they would be assessed separately.

In this respect the law needs to be altered. It rests with women themselves to see it is done. But look at it which way we will true marriage means sacrifice.

It is this shirking of all responsibility, the determination to "have a good time," that is doing untold harm. Assuredly we shall get nowhere with slackening the moral fibre of our womenfolk.

THERE were grand women of a past generation who reared large families, and reared them well, on sums which would look like starvation to us. Marriage was a sacred institution, and the world was counted well lost for the joy and privilege of home building.

So I think those who struggle hard and keep the sanctities have, after all, the best of it. They are building on a sure foundation, while the girl who repudiates even the thought of sacrifice is building on sand.

How to Keep Well

Young at Eighty

by **A Wimpole Street Physician**

SOME people are already old at thirty while others are still young at eighty. Old age may come on prematurely, or its oncoming may be delayed.

There is a common saying that a man is as old as his arteries. This may be put another way: that a man's age is the age of his weakest part.

This weakest part of the body may be the arteries, or the heart, the lungs, the kidneys, the brain, or any other organ.

A man's true age depends upon his vitality, or the power that his body possesses to resist disease.

This power of resistance may be sapped by illnesses, infections, high blood-pressure, nervous strain, and, most of all, by continuous poisoning of the body by septic teeth or tonsils, or by a chronically stagnant bowel.

This last, the poisoning caused by constipation, is probably the most common cause of the lowering of vitality.

It is prevented by acquiring in early life the habit of regular evacuation of the bowel, helped if necessary in later life by the use of liquid paraffin, senna, or a similar mild laxative.

Meals should not be too large in quantity, and should be at regular hours, drinking only before meals, sleeping at regular and not too late hour, exercise in moderation.

Moderation in all things should be the motto of the man who does not wish to grow old before his time.

How to anish Sleepless Nights

Sleeplessness! The horror of lying awake for hour after hour. Morning seems an eternity away. And when it comes you have no energy, no vitality to carry you through the day.

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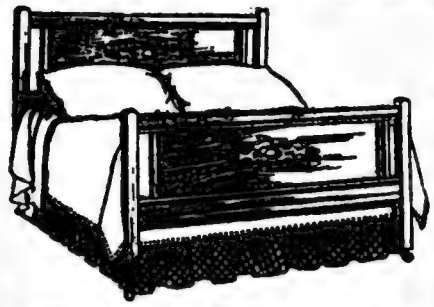

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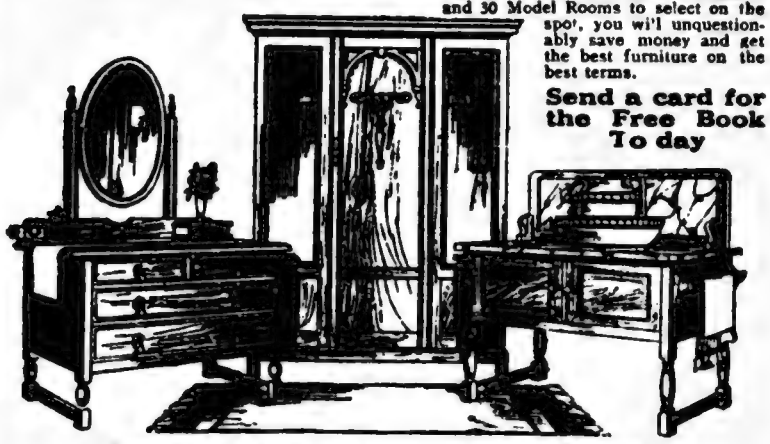

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A Woman's Wasted Sympathy

Truth Will Out—An Ungrateful Father—A Felon's Repentance

"AS a young married woman I am facing a rather difficult family problem, and so much depends upon a wise solution that I should like the benefit of your advice.

"My parents seem to have a genius for doing the wrong thing. A year or two ago they were turned from their house, and although they were offered another they refused it because it was not exactly what they wanted, and went to live in two rooms.

"There were six in family, and five had to sleep in one room while my brother of eighteen, who was just earning a living, found a bed elsewhere. He was the only wage-earner, for about the same time my father lost his employment, through his own fault, as we afterwards discovered.

"They soon had to leave these rooms through disagreements with the landlady, and, having nowhere else to go, they were accommodated by my sister, who is also married. She is very kind-hearted, but they have repaid her very badly. She seems to receive nothing but abuse from them from morning till night, and she often comes to me in tears about it.

"Now my brother has come to me with his troubles, and it is here I need your advice. He is sick of living in this atmosphere. I know just how he feels, for we have all had a very unhappy home life, and suffered in the same way.

"I have offered him a home with me, but in doing so I have brought the wrath of the whole family on my head. My sister opposes the idea because she wants to get rid of her unpleasant guests altogether, and if he goes the rest may billet themselves upon her indefinitely, while the parents object because if ever they succeed in getting a house they will miss my brother's money.

"If I could keep him for nothing I would, but I can't afford it. I have persuaded him to stay as he is for the time being, in the hope that my father will soon get regular employment. I am afraid this is rather a forlorn hope, for my father is a lazy idler, who never keeps work for long.

"I have influence over the boy, and I know the proper development of his character is badly handicapped in such a home. Do you think I ought to take him out of it and leave the family to fend for themselves?"

"Humanist" says:—*Take him by all means. Obviously his home surroundings are very undesirable, and his leaving may be the means of inducing his lazy father to take life more seriously, work harder, and meet his obligations properly.*

"WHEN I was eighteen years of age I met a man and became very fond of him. He asked me to marry him, but though I was quite willing my father refused his consent, so we ran away together.

Unmarried Widows

"We lived as man and wife after the elopement, though no marriage ever took place. My husband (as I regarded him) made various excuses for postponing the ceremony, and after several weeks suggested that we should return home and give it out that we had been wed.

"I foolishly consented to this deception, and when we got back we were forgiven for our escapade, and my parents received him as a son-in-law.

PROBLEMS that may be yours are dealt with by "Humanist." In every case the name and address of the writer are suppressed so that the authors may not be identified. In cases that are too intimate or are not of sufficient interest to be helpful to others, correspondents must send stamped addressed envelopes if they wish to be answered through the post. Ten shillings is sent to each of the writers of the first four letters printed.

"Soon after we knew a baby was coming my husband disappeared, and in trying to trace him I found out, to my horror, that he was a married man.

"To save my parents from mortification, I went away, and when I returned I was able, owing to a similarity of names in the death announcements, to delude them into believing the man was dead. I have since been accepted as a widow.

"Now, at the age of twenty-seven, I have been offered marriage by a good, kind man. He, of course, thinks I am a widow, and the question is whether I should let him remain under that impression, or risk losing him by telling him the truth."

"Humanist" says:—*Your deception should arouse sympathy rather than condemnation, but you must think of the future. You cannot legally describe yourself as a widow, and you will find it better to tell the truth now than to live in dread of exposure later on.*

"A FEW months ago my mother-in-law, with whom my wife and I have lived since our marriage, had a stroke of paralysis which left her practically helpless. My wife has tried to take her mother's place in the home, but although she has done her best for the family the result has been more than disappointing and may end in disaster.

Needless Sacrifice

"The poor little woman is continually nagged at by her father, who comes home drunk three of four times a week, and, finding little satisfaction in bullying a bed-ridden invalid, vents his spite on my wife instead.

"Her brother, a lad of fourteen, has been spoilt throughout his boyhood, and copies his father's attitude towards her. Her elder sisters are both working away from home and are unable to give her much assistance in the house.

"I am afraid the worry of her extra household duties, coupled with the abominably ungrateful treatment meted out to her by her father and brother, have driven my wife to the verge of a serious breakdown.

"I have tried to persuade her to give up the thankless task and live in rooms, but though she knows she can never be happy in her parent's home, she says her conscience would give her no rest if she deserted her mother in her extremity.

"Do you not think she is making an unnecessary sacrifice? I feel that if this state of things continues much longer there will be two bed ridden invalids instead of one. Perhaps she would be guided by your advice."

"Humanist" says:—*Your wife's devotion to her bedridden mother is praiseworthy, but I do not think the sacrifice of health and happiness is justified. If her father has money enough to get drunk several times a week he can afford to have one of her sisters home to look after the house, so that her mother need not suffer if your wife leaves the home.*

"MY life seems one long w... trying to do what is right. ... am a young woman, twenty five years ... with one little girl.

Forgiving Hearts

"My husband is se... ing a long sentence ... penal servitude for ... tempted murder u... myself. After serv... part of the sentence he says he rea... the folly of his unfounded jealous pass... Now his letters are full of repentan... and prayers for forgiveness, and he as... me to live with him when released.

"Do you think after what happe... I dare take him back again? Some... my friends say he will be reform... others warn me he may do it again.

"My duty to my little girl is wha... feel I should consider most. In years ... come she will ask about her father. ... heart urges me to forgive him and t... him back, but I am afraid."

"Humanist" says:—*I do not th... you should lightly risk living with h... again. Your feeling of forgiveness ... you credit, but your head rather than ... heart should guide you. Write to ... chaplain. He should be able to ju... whether your husband has really change...*

The Green-eyed Monster

"My mother has asked me to dev... a little of my time to entertaining a ... of seventeen who has recently be... bereaved and is so lonely and depre... that the doctor fears for her reason. ... my distress my fiancée threatens ... break off our engagement."

"Humanist" says:—*It seems a p... that such a kindly action should ar... jealousy. Your fiancee should help y... to entertain the girl, but if she is of a... an unsympathetic and suspicious nat... you would not lose much if she left y...*

A Fond Foster-Mother

"Three years ago my wife had tw... and as we were living in one room a ... sister undertook to look after one of t... babies until we found better accommo... tion. Now she has grown so fond ... the child that she refuses to part with ... Can we claim it, and must we pay ... aunt for maintenance?"

"Humanist" says:—*Certainly you c... claim your child. The aunt may reasona... expect to be reimbursed any expe... she has been put to, but the surrende... not dependent upon such payment. Betw... relations, it should be possible to se... the matter amicably.*

Learning to Love

"My brother has stolen my girl. Th... are soon to be married, and I fe... such bitter hatred of them both that ... would like to do everything in my pow... to make them unhappy."

"Humanist" says:—*Such hatred ... you confess will injure your own happine... far more than theirs. If you find yourse... becoming possessed by so horrible a passi... try to think of your brother a... dead, a... you may learn to love him.*

That Other Woman

"I have obtained a separation fr... my husband, but with only a very sm... allowance owing to the bad state ... his business. Yet I find that he is ente... taining other women and spending mon... lavishly on them. Can I do anything?"

"Humanist" says:—*If you can pro... that your husband has greater mea... than he disclosed to the court, you sho... apply for a variation of the order*

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The Frailty of Humanity

The letter dealt with in "A Poignant Love Tragedy" is surely one of the most tragic documents that has ever been written. What evidence it provides as to the depth of meanness to which human nature is capable of sinking! And what of the great crowd of women who are enduring this treatment year in and year out? JOHN BULL has done well in focusing the attention upon the husband-stealer, and we shall expect soon to hear of her fate, which may be even worse than that of the woman she has wronged. —*E. Rayner, Fortis Green.*

Uninterested Wives

Most married women do not take sufficient interest in their husband's business. The consequence is, not getting the necessary stimulus and encouragement at home, some men look elsewhere. It is not sufficient that a woman should be absorbed in home affairs entirely, and if some took more intelligent interest in the one they are most dependent upon, perhaps he would not feel the necessity of a change.—*H. G. Cooper, Bristol.*

Punish Both

There should be some punishment for a man or woman who steals the affection of another's wife or husband. At the same time, one must consider that such a man or woman who allows their love to be stolen must give some encouragement to the thief. If both parties were punished, when it had been proved there was no blame attached to the deserted one, there would be less desertion and brazen impudence shown.—*E. G. L., Sussex.*

Stolen and Abandoned

Often love is stolen from those who have never been its rightful possessor. Whether those from whom love is stolen be happily married or not, in the eyes of the law, it does not give right of its possession to the thief. But law will always be subservient to human nature. If there is one who should be caught and punished it is the thief who steals love and then abandons his booty.—*F. Starling, N.W.*

Wives Too Good

A peculiar characteristic of cases where a husband leaves his wife and goes to the other woman is that the wife would seem to possess all the virtues while the other woman has none. One wonders why a man should fly from a good wife to one not fit to brush her shoes! May it not be that some find their wives impossibly good, not human enough, and therefore cold and unsympathetic?—*Impartial, Elgin.*

How Trouble Begins

I do not entirely agree with the Rev. Bruce Cornham when he states that he "attaches no importance to the argument that they should have been able to resist temptations." If a man really loves his wife, and *vice versa*, no love thief will ever come between. It is when one really loves and the other is indifferent that trouble begins.—*J. Broom, Bedford.*

Robbed, but Forgiving

As the one referred to by the Rev. Bruce Cornham, I thank you for publishing the article. It may deter others so tempted. Believe me when I say my letter was not the outcome of a jealous or malicious mind. I had no intention of hurting my husband, which undoubtedly the article will do. If he reads it he cannot fail to recognise it as our affair. Unfortunately, I cannot expose the woman without hurting him.—*F. H., Esser.*

Is Life Worth It?

Mr. Philip Inman asks, "Is Life Worth It?" and then illustrates the inherent tragedies of time—accident, disease, death. But surely the afflictions imposed by Nature are less terrible than the sufferings enforced by man—famine, poverty, war. Is life worth it? Not while the unmeek inherit the earth, and vice is more profitable than virtue. Never while love is less than lucre and gold is greater than God. Give economic security; then and then only will life be worth it.—*W. Hogg, Ashington.*

A Leaky Liniment

I went to a chemist to get a liniment made up from a prescription of my doctor. He gave me another identical in all respects, but I found it was not as strong as the previous one. I drew my doctor's attention to it, and he said that the chemist may have run short of some of the ingredients, and made up the quantity with water. What about this for trickery?—*Liniment, Jarrow.*

Seaside Friendships

The lone girl on holiday is a tragic figure and needs to be warned lest, as some have done, she risks a casual-friendship adventure that may leave a horror-cloud around her life. At some resorts harpies and crooks spread nets in which to catch the inexperienced and lure them to ruin.—*C. D., Manchester.*

A Terrible Subsidy

When suggesting the subsidisa[tion] Industry, does it not occur to the [Gov]t that when they pay engineers £[4] weekly on which to keep a family [of] six, that industry already is subsi[dised] with something far more terrible perhaps they imagine—that is, t[he] and health of the mothers of our [future] engineers, harassed day and night in [the] effort to make such a sum feed and [clothe] their growing families? By grinding [down] the workers to such a minimum th[at] releasing a boomerang which will [return] upon their own heads.—*Doris A. Ba[ker], Mildmay Park.*

Extraction and Exaction

My little daughter goes to a Fr[ee] school. Recently the doctor looked [at] teeth and ordered her to go [to] three [to] have one extracted. To my surp[rise] official has since called upon me to [ask] 2s. I told him I had not got them [and] he advised me to owe a week's [rent] order to pay, or I would be sum[moned]. He has again called and I have [paid] he saying he would call again [for] balance. Is it right that these de[ductions] should be made.—*L. C., King's Cr[oss].*

Moneylenders' Threats

A Liverpool chartered acc[ountant] giving evidence in the Moneylenders [Act] stated to Lord Darling that he had [seen] all kinds of pressure brought to b[ear] borrowers who were afraid of rel[atives] friends and employers being inf[ormed]. But what about the moneylender [who] comes from another town in respe[ct] your enquiry. If he does no busin[ess] charges you with his expenses [and] threatens to inform your employer [if] you pay up. This is being done da[ily].—*M. M. J., Yorkshire.*

That Dreaded "Hereafte[r]"

Why such persistent discussion [of] after-death mystery? Presumably [it] cause we are afraid of the hereafter. [I] wonder, too, when we review our p[re]sent standard of living, with all its selfis[hness] greed and immorality. If we would [live] honourably, we should have little to [fear] in the way of punishment after dea[th].—*S., Oldham.*

A League of Churches

The Church is the moral backbo[ne] its country, and as such should be [the] strongest supporter of any endeav[our] towards universal peace. We ha[ve] League of Nations, why not a Leag[ue] Churches formed on an internat[ional] basis for the furtherance of peace [pro]posals? What say the leaders of [the] Church?—*Humble Bee, Cumberland.*

A Cursed Legacy

Abolish the slums! is the poignant [cry] to the Government. Slums and [the] nation's health and morals go hand [in] Slumdom has been the cursed legacy [of] the past century, leaving behind its [trail] mortality and a low standard of [life]. What opportunities has the slum-[dweller] of promoting ideals, of fighting disease, [or] breathing pure air in his narrow, [foul] surroundings?—*C. Smith, Liverpool.*

No Cripples Need Apply

My husband was paralysed during [the] war by a gunshot wound in the [back]. On making application for tenancy [of a] house, we were refused consideration [on] because my husband was a cripple. [The] bailiff stating this was the only reason [for] rejection of our application. There [does] not seem much exhibition of the [broth]erliness of the country about this.—*H. M., Kent.*

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THE heart of the motorist easily rejoices. Just as we were getting a bit depressed at the advance in tyre prices, a more or less official statement that motor taxation would have to be reorganised from top to bottom comes to cheer us up.

It is a pity that the statement was qualified by a suggestion that the revision would be on the basis of damage done to the roads.

There is a mighty big field for argument here, and the opponents of reduction will only be too glad to avail themselves of it. At the worst, it could not lead to the absurdities of our existing system. It must of necessity be a little uncertain.

Road damage depends upon the nature of the driving, the condition or quality of the road, the weight carried, irrespective of power or speed, or even the way in which the weight is sprung. I doubt if Col. Moore Brabazon can prepare a satisfactory schedule covering all these uncertain things, but it would be a good thing to see the topic debated.

WE might then find out how other parts of the world dealt with the problem, and probably fall back upon the simple and modest registration fee adopted by our New Zealand Colony. It would suit the motorist, and the manufacturer in search of export trade would have his production problem considerably lessened.

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AN alteration does not necessarily mean an improvement, a point which our petrol-tax advocates should carefully consider. Petrol consumption and road damage are obviously related, but it might be very unwise to encourage the Ministry of Transport to connect them by a process of indirect taxation of which we already have more than enough.

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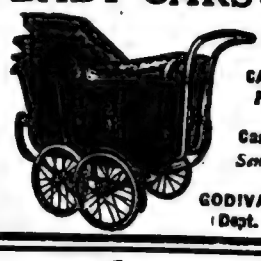

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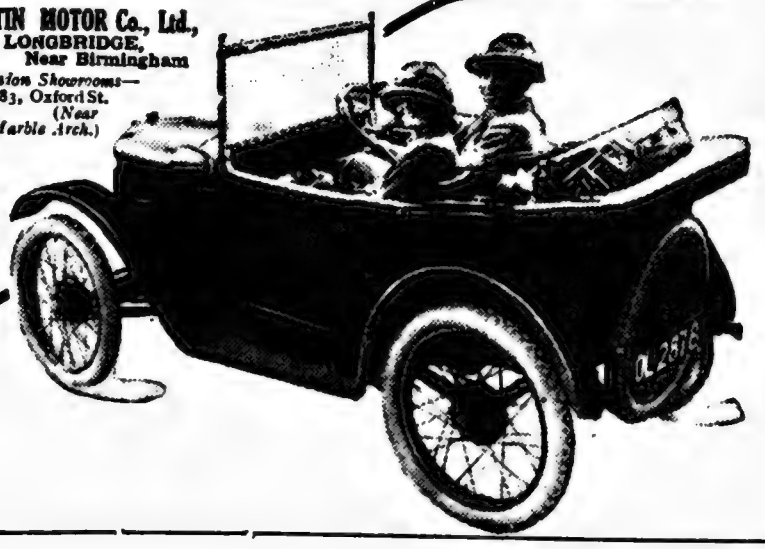

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Pitiful St. Leger Prices

The Last of the Classics—Betting Jockeys—An Oaks Romance—Favourites that Pay—Pharos and the Liverpool Cup—Bad News for Twisters

I HAVE spent an interesting half-hour looking over the St. Leger prices. I am not a timid backer, but I don't think the odds of 3 to 1 Manna, 4 to 1 Solario, or 5 to 1 Saucy Sue, would tempt me even if I were bulging with bullion.

Saucy Sue Unsound

The race is still nearly two months off and in that time anything may happen. Horses die, contract coughs or catch heel-bug. At the moment, Saucy Sue is unsound. But, in any event, the odds for the big three are not good enough.

1,000 to 1 Offers

The other side of the picture is 1,000 to 1 Elopement, Step-daughter, Jovial Monk and numerous others. I cannot see any of these ensuring my winter's keep. In every case the layer would be certain to "elope" with my cash.

Huge Field Left In

Outside the three good'uns and the three perishers I have mentioned there are about eighty horses still left in the last of the Classics. In offering 5 to 1 bar two the layers are not giving away much. I should not worry about the Leger yet awhile. Have a cut at the Stewards' Cup. As I have told you before, Phalaros is fancied.

Beary and Bets

Don't be surprised if you hear of a further sensation in regard to betting by jockeys. The Stewards of the Jockey Club have gone after something big, and have made protracted enquiries as far afield as France, where it is alleged an account is worked on behalf of a well-known jockey.

The Galstaun Way

It is not many years since the colours of Mr. J. C. Galstaun, the wealthy Armenian, were exploited in selling races with the aid of old King Sol. In the French three-year-old Burgos, who ran at Salisbury, the gambling owner thinks he has another good one, and in due course, handicappers and other circumstances permitting, we can count on hearing the once familiar "Come on, Steve" of this owner as his purchase is hunted home by the also rans. Burgos is a half-brother of Epinard on the sire's side.

The Exploits of Spartleton

Mr. A. C. Harrison owned a horse named Spartleton. In May Spartleton won a selling race and Frank Hartigan acquired the six-year-old for 300 guineas. Spartleton's first outing for his new owner took place last week and he won another selling race. Mr. A. C. Harrison rebought Spartleton for 300 guineas. What will happen next time? The horse is by that fine sprinter Diadumenos, and is worth following every time he runs. He won twice and was placed three times last season.

An Oaks Romance

Bayuda did not turn out at Worcester as advertised. I am afraid her six years at the stud have taken the edge off her racing ability, but she will appear in due course, and it will be interesting to see how she shapes. Bayuda went to the stud a few months after she won the Oaks in 1919, but she has proved a failure as a brood mare. It is very seldom that a horse is brought out again to race after such a long period of rest.

Two-Year-Old Favourites Pay

I am constantly being asked by correspondents if it pays to back favourites. In the long run it does not, but if backers choose their races and rely on two-year-old events only they will probably show a credit balance in the course of a season. I dug the following facts out of a guide for 1924, and they make interesting reading. In 587 races for two-year-olds, the favourite scored 209 times at the following odds: 90 at odds on and evens, 3 at 5 to 1, 5 at 4 to 1, 5 at 7 to 2, 1 at 100 to 30, 5 at 3 to 1, 2 at 11 to 4, 16 at 5 to 2, 12 at 9 to 4, 11 at 2 to 1, 14 at 7 to 4, 6 at 13 to 8, 15 at 6 to 4, 2 at 11 to 8, 12 at 5 to 4, 10 at 11 to 10. The points lost are 278. If you allow 60 points for the odds on and even-money chances, which is about right, you win 311 points. This is a system for the very patient punter.

The Age of a Horse

Whilst on the subject of two-year-olds, a letter reached me this week enquiring if all horses competing in races for two-year-olds were only two. I don't think the question needs answering, although Pat Barrie, in writing his reminiscences for JOHN BULL, said the only way to make money on the turf was by backing a good three-year-old in a race for two-year-olds, but one interesting point does arise. A horse foaled, say, in February or March, becomes a yearling the following January. An animal foaled later in the year, September or October, also becomes a yearling in January. Late foaled horses when they run as two-year-olds are naturally at a disadvantage from a development point of view.

MY DAILY NAPS

Wednesday	**THE MOY**
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EASY MONEY.

"I offer six to four the field,"
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"You must be mad to call those odds!"
Said some one by his side.

"With just two runners in this race
A ruined man you'll be."
The bookie winked. "Two runners? Wait!
There shortly will be *three*!"

Lord Derby's Liverpool Cups

Lord Derby's sideboard must be bulging with Liverpool Cups, so I do not know what he will do with the next one which he may capture on the 24th by the aid of Pharos. In many quarters Pha was considered a certainty for the Ro Hunt Cup for his mi on the mor of the race did not think as I have ways consid him better a mile an quarter, bu stands an ex lent chanc making sideboard ple over. to Lord Der champion l

Lord Derby may annex another Liverpool Cup

Winalot, who did us a nice turn in Manchester Cup. He should be ba each way.

Bad News for Twisters

I like the French go-ahead met Their racing authorities think that can by draining and watering ensure going all the season on the chief co At any rate, they are experimenting if they prove their case they will de to aid the punter by "stabili public form, which is very often up changed going. In some cases th novation would rob twisters of stock excuse for "down the co favourites.

Ginger Is Not So Plucky

Ginger, Denman's champion, wh coming over to cut up our cracks showed no signs of living up to his He has recently met with an ac and will be an absentee from the course for some time to come. I stand that Denman is retiring, is no fear of another Epinard ha quarter for the Stewards' Cup.

Freak and Flimsy

It is unwise to make freak bets you are very careful in working the One of my readers was accommoda a layer who laid him 25 to 2s. Ha Taylor did not win four times at As a matter of fact, the Manton won with Saucy Sue, Dejeyo, C and Hurstwood, so the punter s draw. But when he asked for his w the bookie said, "No! Taylor ride them!" Has anybody ever of Alex Taylor, R. C. Dawson, the George Lambton, or any of the la trainers riding at the Royal me I don't suppose any of them h jockey's licence. This Mr. S should pay up or try another pro

My Daily Nap Winners

In reply to A. B., of Birmingham daily naps—black lettered in Jack —show a profit of 91 points. My winning code double was Coral W 7 to 4, and Reprisal Filly, 6 to 5 on July 9. "SILVER KING."

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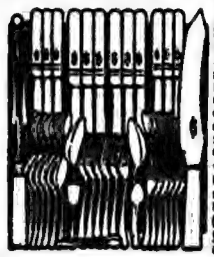

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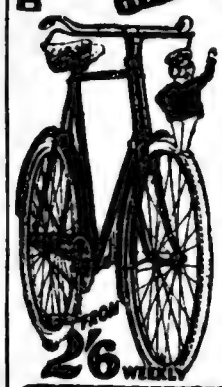

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"SERVANT" (Edgware).—"How can I tell my new mistress that crockery is not safe in my hands?" Break it gently.

T. J. (Helmdon).—"Medical advice to-day, as always, is sometimes good and sometimes bad." The mixture as before, in fact.

E. D. W. (Westcliff).—"My boat needs several coats of paint." What type is it—a dingy?

W. P. (Upwey).—"I'm very fond of butterflies." You'll find them much more difficult to handle if you marry one.

"VICTIM" (Maxton).—"Gossips have circulated some funny stories about me." We advise you to laugh at them.

"FRANK" (Cardigan).—"I always say what I think." People must surely think you are dumb.

T. H. B. (Blaydon).—"His persistence is becoming a nuisance." It seems that the more he tries, the more trying he is.

F. J. (Enfield).—"This weather makes me too hot for words." We wish it had the same effect on some other people we know.

L. S. (Maidstone).—"My brother-in-law, though a strict churchgoer, is an awful liar." Evidently too good to be true.

BOLSHY (Birmingham).—"I believe in the equal distribution of this world's wealth." Which probably means you haven't any.

ALICE (St. Albans).—"I distinctly saw spirit forms hovering round the church tower at dusk." Evidently a case of bats in the belfry!

R. T. (Eastbourne).—"I swallowed six screws and a penknife for a wager." There's certainly more in you than meets the eye.

MRS. D. (Brasted).—"Would anything happen if we struck a match to look in the petrol tank on the open road?" Yes, an inquest.

MISS S. (Pimlico).—"He says he loves me, but not to the extent of dying for me." Then he declares an undying love.

E. S. (Bromley).—"As I'm thinking of emigrating what's the best thing to do if lost in a forest?" Keep on your hat in case woodpeckers are about.

GEO. D. (Oxted).—"Going into a place for tea I saw no fewer than four couples cuddling." It must have been an almshouse.

JOHN D. (Swanage).—"When I see a set of light-headed girls I judge they dance a lot." Whereas it may all be due to a little peroxide.

MISS I. (Hounslow).—"Why do you favour women taking part in public affairs?" Because it's the surest way to make affairs public.

BERTIE (Oxford).—"The photograph makes me look an absolute ninny." You should have thought of that before you had it taken.

G. Y. (Putney).—"I can't understand what's wrong with the money system." It is suffering from feeble circulation.

P. D. (Kingston).—"There are some men we owe much more to than others." Landlords and rate-collectors, for instance.

J. L. (Eton).—"Did Eve keep the household accounts?" We doubt it, although the loose-leaf system was in vogue then.

P. L. (Teddington).—"It is useless just talking about the mosquito menace." Just so. It is no good telling the little beggars to buzz off.

H. D. (Poplar).—"She gives me tongue for lunch practically every day." A little cotton-wool in the ears will help.

J. H. V. (Hackney).—"There is nothing to be ashamed of in pawning anything." The practice certainly has redeeming features.

E. T. (Ely).—"Can you advise me as to the best method of making a hen run?" Chase it.

More Queries

Q. "How can I keep from feeling blue?"
Asks a reader from Pimlico.
A. This, dear friend's, my advice to you:
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Q. "What can I read on a rainy day?"
"Troubled" writes from the Isle of Wight.
A. *Passing Show* drives all clouds away;
Read it—and all the world seems bright.

Q. "How can I please my husband best?"
"Young Wife" queries from Camberwell.
A. See that he has his fill of jest.
Passing Show's sure to please him well.

Q. "How can I make my life worth while?"
"Despondent Reader" writes from Slough.
A. Just be cheery, and learn to smile—
The Passing Show will teach you how.

G. M. V. (Ashton).—"Many of our best pictures to America." A visit to the cinema will convince that many of America's worst pictures come over h

B. T. (Chingford).—"Can you tell me how to re a fruit stain from a white waistcoat." Certainly. D a circle round the mark with an indelible pencil cut round with sharp scissors.

G. M. (Soho).—"English is a very good language sing in." It's a wonder our musical comedy cha don't give it a trial.

G. B. (Leyton).—"The ancient Greeks were originators of the bagpipes." But it's too late t anything about it now.

H. N. (Cheam).—"A doctor told me that a str disease, very like hysteria, has appeared." We k we know the newspaper it appears in.

H. M. (Seaford).—"It must be thrilling to h burglar in one's house." Many people would be satisfied with the thrill of having a house.

L. T. (Chelsea).—"I'm no admirer of the Ro system of Government." Britons never shall be sl

T. A. (Waltham).—"What good are Oxford trouse You can change them without removing your boots.

P. W. (Birchington).—"British architects are as as any in the world." The Wembley stadium concrete example.

P. Y. (Oxford).—"I think it is terrible for a g appear in the street without stockings." And, stra enough, when she is bare-legged you would pro call her barefaced.

JACK (Dover).—"I broke the engagement off and is taking it to heart." Lucky for you she's not tak to court.

R. C. (Northampton).—"Until this year I've missed spending a fortnight by the sea." If y like to spend £250 as well as a fortnight, don't your *Bullets* entry this week.

D. R. (Manchester).—"I'm very good at g mystery stories." Can you solve the mystery of some of them get published?

H. M. (Leeds).—"I had a job with a chemist, but didn't last long." He dispensed without your serv

P. W. (Campden).—"Is there any gold in England?" Plenty. But it's easier to get at fro Australian end.

V. M. (Banff).—"It's hard to get a cook." And you succeed you may find that she's only fit for cha

T. Y. (Staines).—"Men eat, sleep, talk and sla much." The only known exceptions are the husbands of ladies who marry again.

G. E. (Glymnogfawr).—"There is a hot spell be So we see.

J. B. (Sussex).—"On my holiday I had the unfor experience of being butted by a ram." That must made you feel sheepish.

PERCY B. (Plymouth).—"I'd like to marry, but meet expenses." Marry, and expenses will meet regularly.

S. M. C. (Harringay).—"I am experimenting wit asbestos suit." Good gracious, you *are* a pessimist.

CARL (Openshaw).—"In adversity it's splendid to a friend whom you can trust." And useful to ha friend who'll trust you.

MRS. N. (Canterbury).—"This seems to have be very short half year." Possibly because many p have taken a few days off.

S. E. (Southampton).—"I spoke my mind sha when the waitress would not let us have a spoon." poor girl probably had strict orders to see that spooning took place.

MISS L. (Leicester).—"I sometimes think men ar talkative women to the other kind." What other ki

K. L. (Whetstone).—"This letter I've written is a triumph of mind over matter." True. You d matter, and we don't mind.

L. S. G. (Boston).—"I cannot think what she see the man." Possibly her last chance.

MRS. OWEN (Manchester).—"I think modern civ tion cannot endure." You can't have noticed how m it is enduring when you say that.

C. C. (Doncaster).—"I've run so many risks marvellous how I live to tell the tale." Probably bec you always send your yarns in writing through the p

MRS. G. (Settle).—"Is it bad luck for a woman lose her wedding-ring?" We're inclined to think may be if her husband happens to find it in his trou pocket next day.

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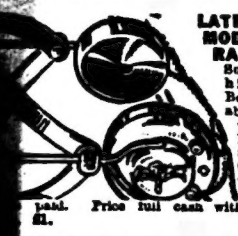

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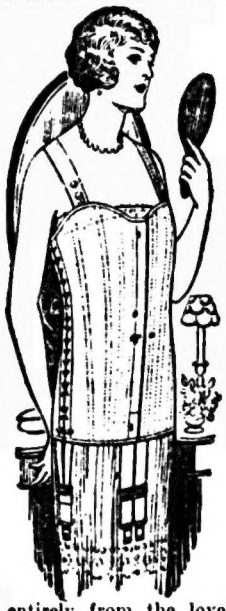

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In the average working-class household the payment of the rent is the first charge on the weekly budget. In times of adversity the rent is often paid with money that is really more urgently needed to buy food.

Here are some extracts from our investigators' reports on application for assistance from "The Greatest of These—" Fund received last week.

"Widow of ex-Service man. No pension. Four children, none old enough to work, two very delicate. Poorly furnished home, consisting of one room, very clean. Behind with rent, and dreading eviction. Children poorly nourished and badly in need of clothes."

"EX-SERVICE man, unemployed. No pension, no dole. Parish relief in food tickets only. Wife and five children. Rent in arrears and notice to quit. Man obviously weak through privation and woman looking ill through worry and overwork."

"Ex-artilleryman, unemployed. No pension, no dole. Only two months' work this year. Wife and three children. Rent behind. Threatened with eviction."

"Ex-Service man, obviously very ill. Awaiting result of appeal for disability pension. Unable to work meanwhile. No dole. Wife and five children. Woman trying to maintain the home. Threatened with eviction for non-payment of rent. Children badly in need of boots."

"Ex-Service man suffering from heart disease. Pension 8s. weekly. Small parish relief. Wife and five children. Man ordered to hospital for treatment, but has only one shirt. Terrible struggle to pay rent. Local vicar says: 'Typical case of man broken in war where humanity and common gratitude should display itself.'"

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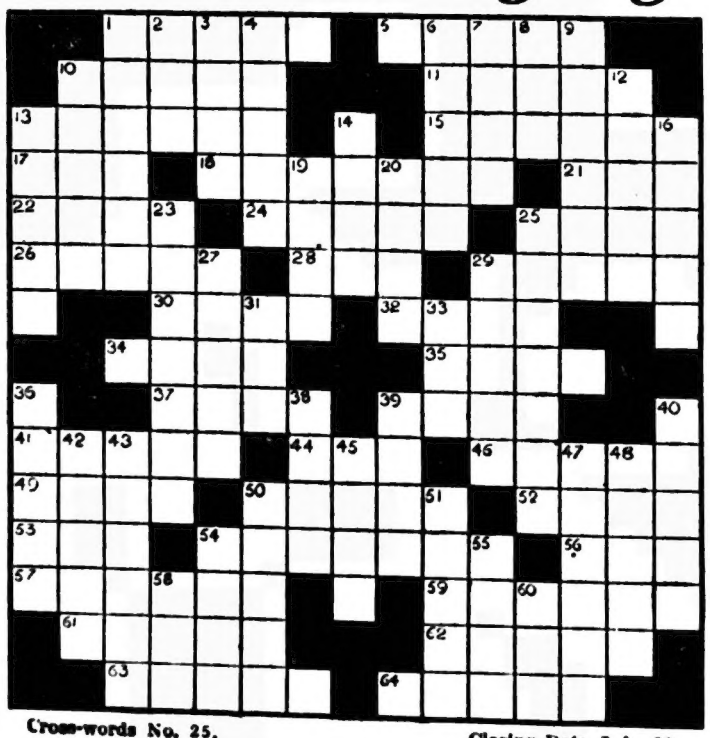

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1. Vapour.
5. Dried stalks of corn.
10. A wrap.
11. Picture stand.
13. Small tower.
15. Fruit.
17. Past.
18. Recall.
21. Slight blow.
22. To praise.
24. Uneven.
25. Brave man.
26. Method.
28. Sheltered side.
29. Incinerated.
30. Young mare.
32. Prominent actor.
34. Exclamation of dismay.
35. Concludes.
37. Pain.
39. Ardour.
41. Barren land.
44. Female animal.
46. Fruit.
49. Wheels revolve on it.
50. Found in oysters.
52. Sensible.
53. Uncooked.
54. Boat used for bridge.
56. Fatty liquid.
57. Articles of crockery.
59. Vegetable.
61. Covering for wheels.
62. With force.
63. Enchantress.
64. Narrow valleys.

1. Conceal.
2. Extract from coal.
3. Vessel.
4. Vary.
6. Instruct.
7. Ecstatic.
8. Serpent.
9. Wallow.
10. Article of food.
12. Acquire knowledge.
13. Claw.
14. Real.
16. Blemishes.
19. Levy.
20. Periods.
23. Reduce.
25. Obstacles.
27. Fresh-water fish.
29. Absurd.
31. Tree.
33. Gelding term.
36. Keen.
38. The ... garden.
39. Nothi...
40. Rested ... knees.
42. Lift u...
43. Event...
45. Cereals.
47. Native ... N. Zea...
48. Vegeta...
50. Squad ... police.
51. Belong... to plac...
54. Look ... closely.
55. Every ... possess... one.
58. Essay.
60. Haste.

Fill in the Puzzle squares, write your name and address in space provided, cut out the whole, and post to Cross-... No. 25, P.O. Box 200, "John Bull" Long Acre, London, W.... Cross-word solutions must not be enclosed with "Bullets" co...

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"Please post early if you can" which has recently been appearing page is having its effect. Our are due to the many competitors ve been able to enter their efforts or two earlier and have thus ap- y assisted the work of our staff. t that those who can will continue their entries a little earlier than but we would again point out that *lets* entered by the closing date eive the same careful adjudication.

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1,000th issue of JOHN BULL is nt, a landmark in the history of rnal which will be celebrated by a prize-list of a really remarkable the most ambitious Holiday we have ever launched. Last ores of competitors defrayed their expenses with the assistance of a prize, but this August will see an us addition to their numbers. ddition to a doubled First Prize, will be an unprecedented series of y Prizes which will completely all previous offers of this kind. We say that there will be offered *no than one thousand Bullets holiday* , we have said enough to make competitor look eagerly forward to BULL No. 1,000.

esult of "BULLETS" No. 567 D offer) will appear next week.

ON OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 570.

Y PROBLEM—WHEN FUNDS ARE LOW E BOARDING-HOUSE—WITH A GIFL BRITISH—A BIT ROUGH DECEIVES Y MORE AT HOME—WHAT THE FORE- ID—MAKES HER THINK IDEAL PLACE T'S WRONG WITH WEMBLEY QUIETLY R A BATHE—NODDING THROUGH THE LE I'D LIKE TO KNOW LOVELY TIME— FATHER DID—WHAT IS A POLICEMAN?

Examples can be made use of on the Coupons page, and must reach us on or before **THURS- LY 30.** All Coupons so used **MUST** be marked with the number **570** in the top left-hand and envelopes containing these Coupons must ssed "Bullets" No. **570,** JOHN BULL, Long ondon, W.C.2. Such Coupons must not ase of the Examples for Competition No. **569.**

EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" No. 569.

TIME FOR A HOLIDAY
WHAT WE OWE
IN HER WAY
SEASIDE FLAPPER
WON'T BE TOLD
NATURE'S BEST
IN LOVE'S KINGDOM
PLEASING EVERYBODY
LANDLADY'S CAT
WHAT THE FIREMAN SAID
UNDER THE HAMMER
SOMETIMES HELPS
WHY SHE WAS LATE
LIKE A SHOT
THE UNEMPLOYED
AT THE HELM
UNNECESSARY
IN THE DUSTBIN
SHOWED HE WAS MARRIED
POLITELY
SPENDING TOO MUCH
FORTUNE'S FAVOURITE
WISE LANDLADY
HEARD BY THE SEA
MOTORING
EQUAL TO HER
WARM CORNER
WHEN A MAN
IN POVERTY STREET
AFTER BUSINESS
FOR A DRINK
WHAT IS THE SUN?

"BULLETS" RULES.

1. The First Prize will be awarded for what in the opinion of the judges in consultation with the Editor is the best Bullet received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality.

2. Bullets must be plainly written on one of the coupons, and only two attempts may be written on each coupon.

3. All four coupons may be used, and a postal order enclosed at the rate of 6d. for each coupon made use of, which must be made payable to JOHN BULL and crossed and Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.

4. All coupons arriving too late to be judged with absolute thoroughness will be duly returned.

5. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified judges.

6. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

Employees of Odhams Press are not eligible to compete.

SPECIAL NEWSAGENTS' PRIZES.

Cheques for £5, £2 and £1 respectively will be paid to the Newsagents from whom the winners of the First Three "Bullets" Prizes in Competition No. 566 have purchased their copies of "John Bull."

HOW TO MAKE "BULLETS."

Choose any of the *Examples* printed; then give any **Two, Three** or **Four Words,** having some bearing on the *Example* chosen, each of which can begin with any letter in the alphabet. These specimens will guide you

Example: BRITISH GOODS *Bullet:* LET'S ALL "CARRY SAMPLES."
Example: DARBY AND JOAN *Bullet:* FRAIL COUPLE STOUT COUPLING.
Example: HOMES FOR HEROES *Bullet:* "ERECT" BEFORE HEROES "BUILT"

SEND POSTAL ORDER AT THE RATE OF 6d FOR EACH COUPON USED.

Address Coupons to: "Bullets" No. 569 "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2.

PLEASE POST EARLY IF YOU CAN

You can help us by posting early, but all "Bullets" entered in time receive the same careful adjudication.

Example — Closing Date, Thursday, July 23.
Bullet
Example
Bullet
(569) P.O. No.
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 1 Coupon, send P.O. for 1s. 6d.
Signed
Address

Example — Closing Date, Thursday, July 23.
Bullet
Example
Bullet
(569) P.O. No.
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 2 Coupons, send P.O. for 1s.
Signed
Address

"Bullets" must consist of Two, Three or Four Words.

Example — Closing Date, Thursday, July 23.
Bullet
Example
Bullet
(569) P.O. No.
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 3 Coupons, send P.O. for 1s. 6d.
Signed
Address

Example — Closing Date, Thursday, July 23.
Bullet
Example
Bullet
(569) P.O. No.
I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page. With 4 Coupons, send P.O. for 2s.
Signed
Address

If you desire to send in further "Bullets" you can write them on plain paper.

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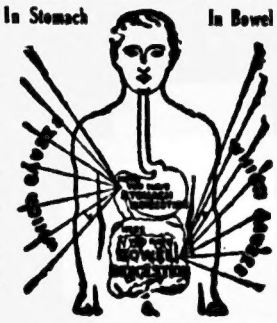
In Stomach	In Bowel
GASES in STOMACH with eructations.	GASES in BOWEL or Flatulence.
Sharp Neuralgic HEADACHES.	Dull, Heavy HEADACHES.
ACID in STOMACH with HEARTBURN.	ACIDITY, causing Gout and Rheumatism.
TONGUE coated white all over.	TONGUE coated yellow at back.
COMPLEXION blotchy, with redness of Nose.	COMPLEXION muddy or pasty.
EATING disliked. Some Nausea.	EATING disliked or loathed. Biliousness and bad taste in mouth.
PAINS darting through Chest, Burning Spot behind left Shoulder Blade.	PAINS in Bowel Griping and CONSTIPATION.



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